

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 14th, 2019

Reconciliation
Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass
8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours
9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

April 14th ~ Palm Sunday (*Fr. Goodin*)

8:30 AM ~ Roy Givens Jr + 11 AM ~ People of the Parish

Holy Thursday ~ Mass at 5:30 pm

Good Friday ~ Service At Noon

April 14th ~ Easter Sunday (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish 11 AM ~ Jerry Camfield +

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Welcome to Saint Boniface!

Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

Change of Address? Please notify Patty in the Parish Office of any changes to your family records.

Stewardship, lifetime of opportunity, responsibility, and accountability.

Have you remembered Saint Boniface in your will?

Saint Boniface is a Roman Catholic Church in the heart of downtown Louisville and has been ministering to the local community *since 1836*. We are a community formed by the Word of God, the Sacraments and the Tradition of the Catholic Church. We strive to be a catalyst for positive change in our neighborhood. We put the faith we have received into action through a variety of social outreach programs, namely: Saint John's Day Center for Homeless Men, Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM), and by assisting Nativity Academy in their mission to educate at-risk youth. In these efforts we strive to be a refuge for those in need, and offer hope to our surrounding community.

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To Veil or Not to Veil...

You may have come across this tradition sometime within your lifetime. It is a tradition that has been kept on the shelf and grown dusty in some corners of Catholic culture, but it is seeing a resurgence in many areas of the country. I, for one, am happy to see its return because, like many of the traditions of the Church, it makes us who we are, or more precisely, it reminds us of who

we are. That is to say, it reminds us that we are Catholic - the people of God - a people who have a rich liturgical tradition. This tradition goes back two thousand years, and, when you consider our continuation, and development, of the traditions given by God to the Jews, that Sacred Tradition only grows in its majesty and importance.

The Ordo, the little book found in every sacristy that keeps us all literally on the same page, tells us:

In the dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday (the Fifth Sunday of Lent) may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

But, why would we cover sacred images, especially the crucifix, especially when we are so close to the time of Christ's death on the cross? The answer, I have found, has nothing to do with the images themselves, and has everything to do with a common theme in my preaching - the connection between our sense of sight, and faith.

In the broad context of the whole liturgical year the crosses and images are veiled for only two Sundays out of the year - the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and Palm Sunday. While everyone is encouraged to attend the Sacred Triduum, there is no obligation to do so, and so, for those attending Mass for the two required Holy Days when the statues may be veiled, this is their only time to see such a practice. The contrary reality is that there are 50 other Sundays, plus other Holy Days of Obligation, when the people see the images 'unveiled.' For most of the year we do see them, and we get used to seeing them - not seeing them helps us to recognize, through our sense of sight, that something different is happening, it helps elevate the heart to wonder, and awe. This is the psychological and emotional reason, the theological reason is that the divinity of Christ is, in a sense, veiled by his human flesh. The great mystery of the Incarnation allowed the Jews and Romans to imagine executing the Son of God, God-made-Man, not to mention following through on that thought. This is also the same reality that allows us to believe our sins are of no consequence - the reality of our intimate relationship with the Divine is veiled. When non-believers look upon a crucifix, they see a horrific death, but little more - their eyes are veiled. When a believer looks upon a crucifix, they see the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, having died for our sins both collectively and personally - our eyes are unveiled. The point isn't really that the images are veiled, it is that they are then unveiled - that Son of God, well he was raised from the dead, and now returns to us time and again under the veil of simple bread and wine.

There is one more image of a veil that I will share. This one is taken directly from Sacred Scripture:

And Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. - Matthew 27:50-52

It may be a worthy consideration for your prayer between now and Easter Sunday - at the death of the Son of God, why was the veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple, and the world, torn from top to bottom? What had been veiled that became unveiled? You may also consider the practice of veiling crosses and religious images in your own home. If you would like to have that conversation, I'd love to talk with you about it!

Fr. Adam

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Charles Gazaway

Narrator: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers: Cathy and Gary

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Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Narrator: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean Skaggs, Charlotte Barton

Hospitality Ministers:

If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at

502.553.0317 or

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Prayer Requests

Precious Adams

Bob Camfield

Scott McCoy

Al Pepper

Sue Ronald

Paul Wright

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office at 584.4279.



Help Needed!...Bill needs two strong men to raise the risen Christ Statue next Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. If you would like to be a part of this historic event, please see Bill at the back of the church.

Parenting Pointers... Why do we call Good Friday—"good"? Isn't it all about Christ's suffering and death? Yes, BUT, sometimes we have to go through suffering to get to the good stuff. (think childbirth, raising a child, etc.) Talk with your child about how a hard or sad time eventually led to good.

Marriage Moments... Holy Week is a sober time for all Christians as we remember a sacred meal (Holy Thursday), suffering (Good Friday), uncertainty (Holy Saturday) and rebirth (Easter). Talk about times in your marriage of special meals, suffering, uncertainty and rebirth.

Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...For the April episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the formation of future priests as seminaries, and Archbishop Kurtz presents his annual Lent/Easter message. Archbishop also welcomes guest Deacon Scott Haner, chair of the board of Catholic Charities of Louisville, to discuss Catholic Charities' capital campaign, "Building a Brighter Future." Conversations airs on the Faith Channel on Tuesday at 7 pm, Wednesday at 10 am, Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 4 pm. It is also online at www.archlou.org/conversations

Central Louisville Community

Ministries....Personal items needed are: bar soap, body lotion, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, laundry soap (liquid or pods), shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please bring next week. We will continue to collect on the third Sunday of each month.



Save the Date...Hold onto your Hats! A party for CCLM (Central Louisville Community Ministries) will be held on Sunday, April 28th from 3:00—6:00 pm at Genscape Town Hall, 1140 Garvin Place, Louisville. Tickets are \$35 and will be available TODAY after mass. Fun for a good cause! Wear your fancy hats and join us for great wine, appetizers, desserts, conversation, music and a silent auction.

Holy Land Collection...Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which supports Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also assists with the preservation of sacred shrines. Wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians, and this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.



Join us for the Annual Turtle Derby...

the slowest two minutes in sports! Join us on April 28th from noon until 5 pm at St. Joseph's Home, 15 Audubon Plaza Drive. Feature activities include Turtle races, chicken dinner, wheel of chance and children's area. For more information call Tina at 502.636.2300 or email dvlouisville@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month...Every adult has a moral responsibility to report suspected child abuse. In Kentucky, state law requires that any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is neglected or abused must immediately report the abuse. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. Report suspected abuse. Call the toll-free Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline at 877.597.2331.

WOW (Widows and Widowers)...will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at St. John Paul II, Gallagher hall at 7:30 pm.

On With Life (Catholic support group for the widowed)...will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at Mary Queen of Peace, Marian Hall at 7:30 pm.



Kroger...we just received our quarterly check from Kroger's Community Rewards program and we have 27 families participating and our check was for \$168.73. Register your rewards card at Kroger.com/account/communityrewards and use our account—SK711. Thanks for your support!

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading—

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading—John 20:1-9



April 7th, 2019 Collection Report

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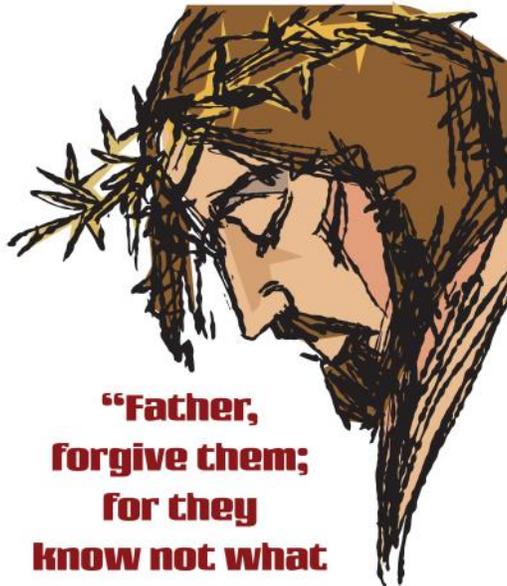
Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Invitation to the Blessing of Branches

Today we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when he was met by crowds of disciples who joyfully welcomed him to the holy city. As our palm branches are blessed today, we welcome Jesus into our lives, asking that he make them holy by his presence. Then, when we leave today with our blessed palms, we will praise God with joy, for Christ has won the victory over sin and death, winning for us our salvation.

Today's Focus: Reconciling Heaven and Earth, Humanity with God

When Jesus—who was both truly human and truly divine—was humbly sacrificed on the cross for us, it was the ultimate act of reconciliation. As his disciples, we give of ourselves as people of reconciliation.



**“Father,
forgive them;
for they
know not what
they do.”**

Luke 23:34, KJV

Reflection on the Gospel

It's easy to sing somebody's praise when that person exceeds our expectations. But what happens when they do not? Each of us has experienced, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" moments. Crucifixions happen by our negligence and our selfishness. We crucify when we destroy, uproot, tear down, or otherwise extinguish life and that which is life-giving. And often we don't realize it until it's too late. But we believe

in a God who brings life from death, even when we cause the death. And that is the ultimate paschal mystery.

*“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.”
Philippians 2:6-7*

Consider/Discuss

When have you prayed, “I need a power greater than myself to save me”?