

PARISH HAPPENINGS

This is the final weekend that we will pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** following Mass. All who do not wish to remain and pray are asked to exit in silence after the Final Blessing in order to not disturb those in prayer.

Easter Vigil Choir (bilingual) practice is Monday, March 21 from 6-8pm. More voices are needed! Please contact Cory Allen (970-778-7303, cory.michelle.allen@gmail.com) or Jorge Flores (625-6127, floresbuzo@comcast.net) for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday! All children age 10 and under are welcomed to participate. Meet in the Parish hall after the 9:30 Mass. There will be activities until we are ready to start the hunt at 11:15.

All parents are invited to a training session to learn more about preventing the sexual abuse of children. The class will be held on Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm in Room 1. No one under the age of 16 can attend this session and 16 & 17 years old must have parental permission.

The **Parish Office** will be closed March 22-25 order to prepare for the Holy Week liturgies.

The **baptismal preparation class** (for parents and godparents) will be on Saturday, April 2 at 9:00am in Room 1. Pre-registration is encouraged, please contact the Parish Office. There is a \$30 fee per child to be baptized.

Living Faith booklets for Apr - June have arrived and are available on the table near the Lighthouse CDs.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: March 24 - *Mass of the Lord's Supper, the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood*

- English-6:00pm and Spanish-8:00pm
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls - please return at this Mass
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Following the 8:00pm Mass until Midnight, Parish Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 25 - *Passion of the Lord, a day of Paschal fasting and abstinence**

- Living *Passion of the Cross* (Spanish) - 2:00pm
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Spanish-3:30pm and English-7:00pm (No 7:30am morning mass)
- The collection today will be for Christians in the Holy Land

***What is the Paschal fast and how does it differ from our fasting during Lent?**

During Lent, we fast as a way of doing penance and of trying to cooperate with the grace of conversion. During the Triduum, we fast as a way of preparing for the great mysteries of redemption being made present to us in our midst. The emptiness of the stomach thus becomes a sign of our openness to die and rise with the

Lord in these most holy of days. Everyone, especially those who will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, is encouraged to extend the fast through the Easter Vigil celebration, if possible.

HOLY SATURDAY: March 26 - *'Christ was in the tomb; he lay in darkness in the womb of the whole world.'* Holy Saturday commemorates that day and has a character all its own. Spend this day in prayer, meditation, reflection, fasting, and anticipation.

EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: March 26 - 8:00pm (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY, SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

- March 27 - Regular Mass Schedule
- Easter Egg Hunt for ages 10 and under - Gather in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am Mass. There will be activities until the hunt begins at 11:15am

Traffic flow and parking during Holy Week:

- Please do not block another vehicle in the parking lot or park down the driveway, as we must maintain access for emergency vehicles.
- Overflow parking options:
 - on the street—Ute Avenue, 7th Street and Birch Avenue
 - The empty lot on 5th street next to ED Moore Care Center
 - Please do not park in the empty lot at 7th & Birch
 - The parking lot will be closed during the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Please utilize one of the above overflow parking options.
- Exit from parking lot on Easter Sunday: Please travel in a counter-clockwise direction only. When exiting the parking lot, do so through the City of Rifle maintenance yard located in the north west corner of the parking lot, near the cemetery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS INFORMATION

Confirmation is Friday, April 8, 6:00pm (practice Sun., Apr. 3, 5:00pm) or Saturday, April 9, 10:00am (practice Sun., Apr. 3, 4:00pm)

No class on March 20 or 27 ~ Have a blessed Easter!

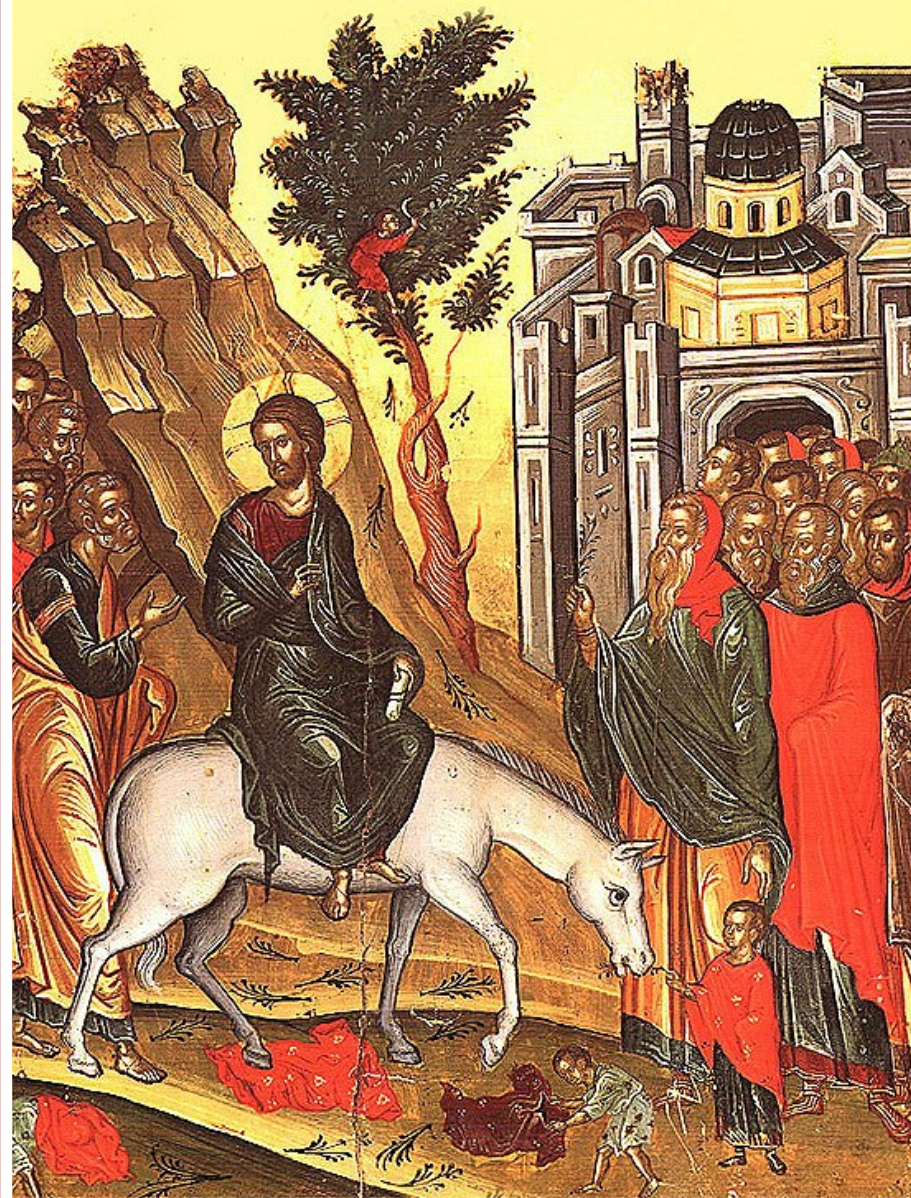
- Kindergarten through 8th grade:** 10:45am to 12:00pm, April 3 and 10
- RCIC classes, 5th grade PM and 7th grade PM:** 2:00pm to 3:30pm, April 3 and 10
- High School Pre-confirmation:** 2:15pm to 3:45pm, April 10 and 24

MEETINGS AND THINGS

- **Easter Vigil Bilingual Choir Practice:** Mon., 6:00pm
- **'Keeping Children Safe'** class for parents: Mon., March 28, 7:00pm, Room 1

MARCH 20, 2016 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."



Liturgical Schedule

The Holy Week schedule is on the back page.

English Mass

- Mon., Tues., Fri.: 7:30am
- Saturday: 4:30pm
- Sunday: 9:30am

Misa en Español:

- Jueves: 7:00pm
- Sábado: 7:00pm
- Domingo: 12:30pm

Sacred Heart - 230 N. 6th St., Silt

- Sunday: 7:30am (English)

Reconciliation Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri.: 7:00am
- Thursday: 6:30pm
- Saturday: 3:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday: 12:00pm

Adoration Schedule:

- Mon., Tue., Fri.: 8:00am-9:00am
- First Friday of Each Month: 8:00am-6:00pm



ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon.: 4:00pm-6:00pm

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Submission Deadlines:

- Bulletin - Tuesday Noon
- Announcements - Thursday Noon

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WE PRAY FOR...

Alice Holmes, Mark Holmes, Billie Jansky, Craig Leonard, Brian Garland, Bill Oaks, Ann & Ed Andzel, Anita Sundin, Rick Sundin, Joshua Jones, Julia Avonovich, Tammy Waller, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Marty Thompson, Ernest "Joe" Thompson, Terry Whitley, Pat Schmeckel, Luke Anderle, Ted Diaz, Corky Wilson, Alex & Linda Garcia, Georgi Aibner, Megan Doll, Alicia & David Thorpe, Tony Martinez, Linda Tomasi, Lauren Giard, Cathy Richard, Mary Ann Olson, Irene Goergen, Lyle Green, Kim Nieslanik, Susan Armstrong, Freddie Romero, Gerald Waters, Dick Buchan, Nancy Newton, Joe Elliot, Ann Arrington, Jean Buchan, Kathy Willart, Roberta Sisneros, Patrick Chavez (Esther Jones' uncle), Reagan Nelson, Joyce Cawley, Clarence & Elaine Gomez, Esther Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Tanya Giard, Loretta Kochis (Mable Sanders' sister), Scott Gordon, Tonya Buchan, Kari Kuerstan, Megan Branham, Bert Garlitz, Eliza Gallegos, Amelia Zemlock, Mary Benson, Daniel Tena, Connie Ritter, Rosalia Garza, Derek Miles, Gordan Hammel, Kimberly Green, Virginia Escalante, John & Therese Daly, Clarence Gomez, Amanda Axelson, Mary Brennan, Betty Fulton, Andrea Gallegos (Eliza Gallegos' granddaughter), Janet Blea, Nadine Gadis, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, and for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer. **For the souls of our departed:** James Flynn, Ula Kirkman, Billy Mauer, Tom Scanlon, Fr. Robert Hehn, Alma Koster, Bellard Garcia, Bill Barrett, Ed Ptacek III, Betty Garcia, and Ed & Patricia Murphy. **For prayer requests or to join our e-mail/phone prayer ministry contact Dorothy Zinn (625-4509) or e-mail prayer@stmaryrifle.com.**

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Universal: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday: 3rd & 4th Year Theology
Monday: 1st & 2nd Year Theology
Tuesday: 1st & 2nd Year Theology
Wednesday: Spirituality Year
Thursday: College Freshmen & Sophomores
Friday: Vocations Ministry
Saturday: Applicants & Prospective Seminarians

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 19 7:00pm Olivia Magana ♥
 Mar. 20 9:30am Jo Diaz †
 12:30pm Guadalupe Meraz †
 Mar. 24 7:30pm Ramon Macias

To request a Mass Intention call 625-5125 or e-mail info@stmaryrifle.com

EXPANDING THE WORD

WE DON'T GO ALONE

We aren't fond of the words "humble" and "obedient." When was the last time you read an obituary saying the deceased was a humble and obedient person? No, we tend to list degrees, titles, achievements, and so on. By all accounts Jesus was not successful in the way we generally mean it. He had enough education to be able to read the scriptures in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-20), and he was just a village carpenter by trade, trained by Joseph. He came from Nazareth, not an important city like Jerusalem. Jesus wandered around the countryside preaching, following in the tradition of Jewish prophets. The crowds were mostly ordinary people, not the rich and the powerful. A moment of apparent triumph came on Palm Sunday, when the crowds in Jerusalem acclaimed him as king. Many were probably hoping he would be a new military leader who would overthrow the Romans occupying the land, and restore Jewish life and pride. This "triumph" was brief. In a few days the same crowds turned on him in bitter rejection. He wasn't what they wanted. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, didn't know what to make of him. Jesus was obviously no common criminal. He spoke with truthfulness and was not cowed by Pilate's power. Yet to keep the rabble quiet, Pilate finally washed his hands of the whole business and put Jesus to death. Ever since that first Good Friday, those who pass through the darkest nights know they don't go alone. For each of us Jesus willingly entered the pain and sorrow of humanity. For us he allowed himself to fall into the abyss of death. The Father let his Son count the milestones along the way of despair. There are no dead-end streets anymore. For us, at the end of every road, there shines the light of Christ.

Living Stewardship Now

"Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love."

—Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853) lay founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, servant of the poor

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

March 30 - Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11

March 31 - Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38

April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 26:14-25

April 2 - Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15

April 3 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 John 18:1-19:42

April 4 - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-18
 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14
 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
 Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-2 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
 Romans 6:3-11 Mark 16:1-7

April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Misericordiae Vultus: *The Face of Mercy* is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul."

Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus" (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013).

May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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"In this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love."

Pope Francis

SACRED HEART PARISH

230 North 6th Street, Silt — Sunday Mass at 7:30am

Coffee Hour following Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each Month

Ministries for March:	Glenda Antonelli
Extraordinary Minister (3/27):	Tom and Sue Junge
Lector (3/27):	Sue Junge
Offertory (3/13):	\$379.00
Attendance (3/13):	45

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

6:00pm Holy Thursday, March 24

Extraordinary Ministers: Fred Garcia, Larry Bernat, Eric Miller, Rose Fraser, Larry Brady
Lector: Michelle Duran and Aaron Hosack
Ushers: Susan Armstrong and Dan Niedbalski
Server: Luke Duran and Grace Burner
Cantor: Cory Allen and Needed
Gifts: Roberta Garcia
Sacristan: Karla Jacobs

7:00pm Good Friday, March 25

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Holmes
Lector: Tom Hogelin and Melanie Holmes
Ushers: Caitlyn Peed and Aaron Hosack
Server: Knights of Columbus
Cantor: Cory Allen, Lynda Prendergast, Art Dahl & Melanie Sawyer
Gifts: Tanya Herrick Family
Sacristan: Julie Lana

8:00pm Easter Vigil, Saturday March 26

Extraordinary Ministers: Eileen Pressler and Karla Jacobs
Lector: Lynda Prendergast, Sunny Whilldin and Michelle Duran
Ushers: Julie Allen, Dan Niedbalski and Knights of Columbus
Server: Luke Duran and Miguel Guardado
Cantor: Bilingual Choir
Gifts: RCIA

9:30am Easter Sunday March 27

Extraordinary Ministers: Harry Kissell, Larry Bernat, Lyle Green, Eric Miller, and Mickie Hosack
Lector: Aaron Hosack and Kevin Roberts
Ushers: Susan Armstrong and Caitlyn Peed
Server: Brody Cyr
Cantor: Choir
Gifts: Eric and Holly Miller
Coffee Hosts: Easter Egg Hunt
Church Cleaners: Needed Anglo Community-contact Joe Skelly
Money Counters: Dan Niedbalski, Dianne Tilly, Patricia Ulloa and Lucy Wolff
Sacristan: Julia Lana

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the Parish Office at 625-5125 x 20 or info@stmaryrifle.com. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 12 & 13

Offertory: \$4,456.97
 Attendance: March 12: 77 March 13: 203