

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undesired suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

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A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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ST. ISIDORE
— HOLY FAMILY —

Dear Friends,

Holy Week at Home: It is heartbreaking to head into this most holy week of the year knowing that we will be separated from our parish family. The Diocese of Lansing has wonderful resources on their webpage to help us all enter into Holy Week. Please take advantage of www.dioceseoflansing.org.

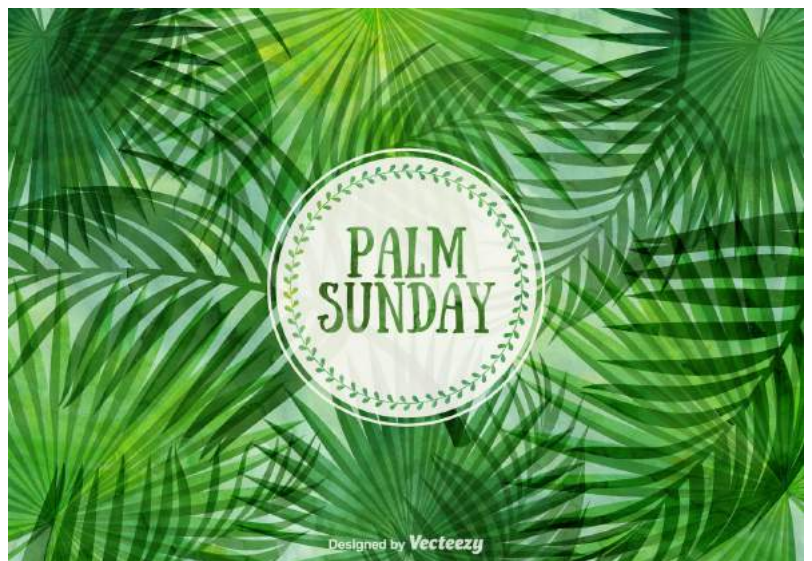
PRIVATE PRAYER and CONFESSION: St. Isidore remains open for private prayer from 7am - 9pm daily. Holy Family is open for private prayer from 9am - 5pm on Sundays. Confessions will continue to take place in the parking lot: Wednesdays at St. Isidore 5:15-6:15 pm, and Saturdays at Holy Family 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Online Masses: Fr. Bob's private Mass will be posted online (facebook and webpage) this Sunday, April 5 and Easter Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 am. Also remember that the Diocesan Outreach Mass airs every Sunday at 6am and again at 10am on WLAJ Lansing TV53.

ONLINE GIVING: We have a new platform that that allows for secure online giving. Go to www.supportyourchurch.com and select St. Isidore - Holy Family. You are able to give a one time or recurring donation.

Walk to Jerusalem: We made it! The pandemic didn't stop our tallying of spiritual and physical miles to make our journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. Together we walked a total of 8,468! This means we are a quarter of the way back to Michigan! Do you think we can gather enough miles to make it back before Easter Sunday? Report your miles on our St. Isidore - Holy Family facebook page or call them into the office!

Fr. Bob Bacik



Walk to Jerusalem Update

8,468 miles walked
We made it!!

Keep tracking your miles to get us home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

NO REF CLASSES
Holy Family & St. Isidore

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

April 8— Business Meeting— **CANCELLED**

Knight of the Month: Jerry Gialanella
Family of the Month: Tim, Stacey, Jacob and
Thomas Voisinet

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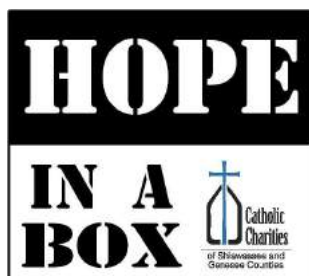
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FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — April 4		† Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Doug & Char Angell
PALM SUNDAY — April 5		† Jesse Medina by James & Lynn Collom
Monday		
Tuesday		† Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Dan & Vickie Csapos
Wednesday		† Don Smith by Jack & Julie Risch
Holy Thursday		† Frances Lundie 90th Birthday by the Lundie Family
Good Friday		No Mass
SATURDAY — April 11		People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY — April 12		People of the Parish

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WROBEL., - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN), - FRANK & NANCY DUKES, - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

PAMELA MORGAN, SYLVIA MCKAY, CRAIG & CAREN HENNING (NEPHEW & NIECE OF LEONARD MITCHELL), SHARON DARLING, (SISTER-IN-LAW ART & KAREN KELLEY), JUSTIN COLE, (NEPHEW OF COURTNEY & ANDY BATES); VAL THELEN, CONNIE WELLER, ROBERTA STANTON, SHELBY PORUBSKY, MIKE HEEG, CHARLES WADDELL FAMILY, JOHN OLINGER, BEVERLY DELANEY, JEANNE ALAGA, THERESA HEEG, RANDY BOWLES (SON OF ELLIE BOWLES), SUE NETHAWAY (SISTER OF ADRIANNE BOCEK), NICK DUNAY, JEFF WASON, BARB REWERTS, (GINGER KUSNIER'S MOTHER), GENE SCHOENDORF, EILEEN STRICKLAND (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), DALE KUENZLI (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), JANE MCCALLISTER, BLANCHE WOODBURY, VINCE MINARIK (SON-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL), ROBERT GARCIAS, MARIA JONES, BOB MCCUE, TOM HULBURT (SON OF NITA HUGHES), BOB FOREBACK & BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIENDS OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJL, CARY LEN



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