Parish Mission Statement

As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

Friday Mass: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

Sunday Masses: No Public Masses are Currently being celebrated
Monday, April 6th
8:00AM  +Roger Boulanger

Tuesday, April 7th
8:00AM  +Richard Hyde

Wednesday, April 8th
No 8AM Mass

Holy Thursday, April 9th
No 8AM Mass
7:00PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 10th
No 8:45AM Mass
7:00PM Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11th
No 8AM Mass
8:00PM  +Stana Lukakrpan
+Scott Ott
+John Dersam

Easter Sunday, April 12th
7:00AM  For the People of Our Lady of Humility
8:30AM  +Ginny Merkel
+Honey Lynn
+Mildred Kazmierczak
+Jim Gerard
+Diana Leal
10:00AM  +Ray Ortiz
+Dorothy Gilbert and Children
+Mary O’Donnell
+The Kleinschmidt Family
+Ralph and +Helen Heaven
11:30AM  +Herbert and +Michael Siemens

Welcome to Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church
For the second Sunday in a row, OLH broadcasted the Mass live at 9 AM on Facebook. To view live Mass again this Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 9 AM, please use the same link: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013005573744.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is also providing weekend and daily Masses; you may use this link to view them: https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses

Please continue to check our website, www.ourladyofhumility.org for updates.

As mentioned above, this Sunday is Palm Sunday. Mass in parish churches will be celebrated differently as in previous years. A Decree entitled “In time of Covid-19” (II), has been issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The document gives directives to bishops and priests regarding the celebration of Masses for Palm Sunday and other upcoming Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses. This Sunday, normally we would read a passage from a Gospel at the beginning of Mass, but priests celebrating in parish churches have been directed to use “The Simple Entrance” without the blessing of palms. So I will simply proceed to the altar, say the entrance antiphon, and then begin Mass in the usual way. Instead of having three different readers and the faithful serve as “the crowd,” I will simply proclaim the Passion Narrative as it is found in the Gospel [of Matthew, for this year].

Palm Sunday is one of my favorite Sundays of the year: This liturgy combines both a sense of triumph and tragedy. Normally, at the beginning of Mass, a Gospel passage is read, recalling Jesus’ grand entrance into Jerusalem; the crowds are waving their palms, cheering Him on, and shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!” It’s like a triumphal procession into Jerusalem.

One thought that helps me enter into the scene of the Gospel reading at the beginning of Mass is imagining my favorite sports team right before they’re going to play a very good team. As my team enters the stadium, people are going crazy: they’re shouting and cheering, waving flags, rooting on their heroes who will do battle for them. Here we have our Hero, Jesus the Christ, our Divine Warrior, making His Messianic entrance to begin the eschatological battle that was foretold; Jesus is seemingly recognized for Whom He really is. We too are celebrating: we’re singing more loudly than usual at Mass, waving our palm branches in remembrance [unfortunately, that part won’t be happening this year; so it will be a kind of sad Palm Sunday for me].

Luke’s Gospel gives us an idea of what a great moment it was: the Pharisees complain to Jesus about the overwhelming, enthusiastic response from the crowds, almost treating Him like a king: “Teacher,” they say, “Rebuke your disciples.” And Jesus replies, “If they were to keep silence, I tell you the very stones would cry out.” Indeed, it’s a great, triumphal entrance into Jerusalem before the great celebration of the Passover!

But we know to where Jesus’ procession will lead: the Cross, suffering and death. Holy Week is upon us and we’re invited to join the procession with Jesus, to spend more time in prayer, to watch one hour with Him, to enter into His Passion and death.

Continued on page 5….
Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price. True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?
Continued from page 3...

With these thoughts in mind, I’d like to begin to close with some words by Pope Paul VI regarding Holy Week: If we are really Christians we must share in the Lord’s passion, and we must bear our cross daily in the footsteps of Jesus. The crucified Christ is the example.

Jesus suffers for us! He pays a price for us. He is victim. He shares the physical evils of man to cure him from moral evil, to cancel in Himself our sins. Sorrow which in the natural world is an isolated thing, for Jesus is a point of encounter, a communion. Will you think on it, brothers [and sisters]? You may lack all things, but not Jesus on the Cross. He is with you. He is with you.

Please do not allow the coronavirus outbreak to distract you from prayer this week! Walk with the Lord Jesus in His final days leading up to His Passion. We only have a limited number of times in our lives to observe Holy Week and the most sacred days of the year. We will be entering into sacred time. Draw close to Jesus in prayer this week, not just a few minutes more than usual; rather, make this week all about Him to the extent that you are able; you won’t regret it I promise you. This Holy Week will be like no other Holy Week in our lives: Make it all about Jesus!

Let us continue to pray for all the sick and those who care for them. Also, let us be mindful about all those who are unemployed or might be struggling financially: Of course, we pray for them, but let us also reach out and help them (observing social distancing, of course!). Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always.

God Bless,
Fr. Paul

Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday, April 5th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Monday, April 6th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Tuesday, April 7th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Wednesday, April 8th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Holy Thursday, April 9th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Good Friday, April 10th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Easter Sunday, April 12th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/ School Buildings closed

Hallelujah! He is Risen!

Please consider online donations or donations via mail

While we know it is difficult for many of our parishioners during these days and weeks of dealing with the uncertainty due to the corona virus and the ever changing rules and regulations being put in place to try to help slow the spread, please be aware it is difficult for the church as well. We do continue to incur expenses and weekly contributions are the primary source of income to pay those expenses. If you are able, we would ask that you consider continuing your regular contributions so we can ensure we are prepared when we are once again allowed to offer Masses to our parishioners. Thank you to those who are already giving on-line!

Online donations can be made at www.Givecentral.org. Please be sure to search for Our Lady of Humility when using Give Central to ensure donations are sent to the correct parish.

We are keeping all of you in our prayers and hope to see everyone again soon!
**Palm Sunday**

**Question:** Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

**Answer:** The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy “outside” the church, we symbolically reenact Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches — a symbol of royalty — to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn’t end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday service.

©LPi

---

**Triduum**

**Question:** I haven’t attended Triduum services before. What happens that’s different from a normal Sunday Mass?

**Answer:** The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to “watch and pray.”

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus’ passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

©LPi
Our Lady Of Humility’s Food Pantry

Is in need of any items you are willing and able to donate at this time. We are in unprecedented times and are trying to ensure we are able to continue to serve those who are most needy in our community.

By mandate of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in conjunction with the State of Illinois based on CDC guidelines, our offices will be closed for any normal business. Please drop off any donations at the entry to the Hayes Room and they will be collected for distribution. You may also donate by check or via online giving through our link on the website.

For the time being, please recycle all of your plastic and paper bags, we have an overabundance of them right now.

Thank you for the continued generosity, especially now when so many people are in greater need!

April 5, 2020 • Palm Sunday  7
Greetings to all my fellow OLH Parishioners,

The times we are going thru right now are totally strange to all of us. Life as we all knew it has stopped for the most part.

I can’t help thinking that the fact that we have all had to slow down has been a kind of blessing in a way. So many times in the past I have heard myself and others say, “I’m just so busy or I just wish things could slow down for a while.”

Well guess what folks, we got our wish. It’s not exactly as we had planned it to be, though.

For myself I am finding a lot more time to spend with my grandchildren, and children. We have spoken on the phone or visited with each other much more in the last few weeks than we have in a long time!

One night we actually had us and all of our children on a video chat at the same time. It was really amazing!

My time for prayer and reflection has increased also. I have been able to say a lot more rosaries than usual. I do miss our special Lenten traditions such as the Stations of the Cross each Friday.

So as difficult as this experience has been, I have also gained many special experiences.

Watching the 9:00 Mass live with Fr. Paul this morning and seeing so many parishioner’s names on the screen as they made comments made me miss you all.

Please stay safe and I look forward to when we can all celebrate the Mass again as a Parish family!

God Bless You All,

Peggy Reid and family

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

©LPI
Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

Knights Of Columbus 2020 Raffle Winner
The winning pick for the March 30, 2020 raffle was not available at the time of bulletin submission. Winner will be announced in a future bulletin.

Note: If you see your name printed in the bulletin as a Raffle Ticket Winner, and have not received your check, please contact Richard at: (847) 249-4813.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Sacrament of Marriage:
An appointment, at least 6 months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptisms are scheduled the 1st Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary for arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home, and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory for home communion calls.

Welcome New Parishioners:
We would like you to become a parishioner. Registration packets are available at each Church door.

The Rosary:
Prayed Daily at 7:30AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (during the summer only) before Mass. On Fridays (during the school year) prayed at 8AM before Mass. Prayed on Sundays after the 7AM Mass.

Handicap Accessibility:
There is an access ramp on the west, and a lift on the east side of Church. Handicap parking is available.

Quinceaneras:
Call the Rectory 9 months prior to setting a date. It is required that you are Registered Participating Parishioners for at least one year prior to requesting a date for the Quinceanera celebration.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursdays 1-6PM.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Rev. Paul Stemn, Pastor
Terri Rusek, Chair
Linda Bugos-Noble
Bill Dermody, Jr.
Brenda Dickson
Howard Jones
Rachelle Manieri
Pat McGowan, Secretary
Winnie Webber, Vice Chair

Parish Finance Council (FC)
Rev. Paul Stemn, Pastor
Phil Tobin, Chair
Michael Bruno
Steve Johnson
Richard McFarlin
Noreen Paulsen, Secretary
LeRoy Shea

Principal Advisor Council (PAC)
Christina Galgan, President
Maggie Dolan, Principal/Executive Officer
Rev. Paul Stemn, Pastor/Executive Officer
Tiffany Juhrend, Secretary
Christina Garcia
Myra Gaytan-Morales
William Lindo
John Radosevich
Thomas Splitt

Any Questions or Ideas for PPC, FC, or the PAC?
ppc@ourladyofhumility.org  fc@ourladyofhumility.org  mdolan@olhschool.org
Please Remember In Your Prayers


For The Deceased:

If someone is in need of healing prayers, please call the Rectory at (847) 872-8778 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 3:30PM. Thank you!

April 5, 2020  • Palm Sunday   11

For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com  Our Lady of Humility, Beach Park, IL B 4C 01-1160
Rehab Therapy,
Skilled Care & Dialysis
in the heart of Zion
Call 847-746-8435
Medicare & Medicaid approved

ROE AUTOMOTIVE
“Complete Car Care At A Fair Price”
847-746-7449
2016 Horizon Ct., Zion

Becker’s
Landscaping Services LLC
Tree Trimming, Tree Removal,
Ornamental Pruning and Planting
Brick Patios, Retaining Walls
(847) 863-TREE
Insured • Free Estimates
www.beckerslandscaping.com
Find us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/beckerslandscaping

HAUL AWAY INC.
(847) 336-3549 | ezhaulaway.com
Perfect for remodeling,
house clean up,
flood damage,
junk removal,
and MORE

N & T’S
RESTAURANT
GOOD FOOD!
American & Thai Food
Friday Night Fish Fry Buffet 4:30-8:30
Sunday Breakfast 7:30-11:00
(847-872-7979)
3077 Sheridan Rd., Zion, IL 60099

 kale
Available
for a Limited Time
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Contact Nick Derkacz • nderkacz@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2436

UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT AD
Contact us for details
800-950-9952

WE’RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
Full Time Position with Benefits
Sales Experience Preferred
Paid Training
Overnight Travel Required
Expense Reimbursement
CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

CODExplumbing inc.™
SEWER & DRAIN
Commercial & Residential - Is Your Plumbing Up To Code?
Licensed & Insured • #058-186434 • PARISHIONER
847.746.2445 • ZION, IL

NORTHWEST AUTO & TIRE
When it has to be done right
2421 20th St - Zion, IL
(847) 872-2211

Carmel House
APARTMENTS
Distinguished
Affordable
Active Adult
Living
847.746.5588
2815 Elisha Avenue, Zion, IL 60099

BARTON OF ZION
Quality Senior Housing
A Supportive Living Program
847-872-1500

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL
COUNCIL # 13598
Tim Johnson • Dennis Johnson
Johnson Landscaping, Inc.
Construction • Lawn Maintenance • Seal Coating
Snow Plowing
Office # 847-623-6658 Cell # 847-340-3715

For membership information
contact Grand Knight:
Charles Roberts
224-717-9998

ROBINSON
Heating & Cooling, Inc.
“Professional Service & Installation Since 1962”
(847)623-7300
(262)654-8300
David K. Brown, Parishioner
www.robinsonheatingandcooling.com
• Free Estimates on New Equipment •

For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4LPi.com
Our Lady of Humility, Beach Park, IL
A 4C 01-1160