

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30 AM



March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



A Reflection from your DJ (Deacon John)

Today we are entering the very solemn and spiritual final week of the Lenten season with a climax arriving on Easter Sunday! We are hearing a couple of names for today--they are Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. This sets the stage for what we can expect during this very important time and what we might observe from our Lord Jesus as he experienced these events. He was there to show the people what he wanted them to see.

This reminds me of a quote from St. Francis of Assisi who said, "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching." James Martin SJ, in his recent book, "Come Forth," - about the raising of Lazarus - stresses the concept of us doing both contemplation and action.

During the procession with palms in John's Gospel, Jesus sits quietly on the colt. He didn't teach with words and it took a while for the disciples to understand what was happening. They remembered that it is written that He would be glorified. Everyone felt it.

Then, in the Passion of Mark when Jesus stands silently before the high priests, elders, and scribes, the high priest says, "Have you no answer?" He is asked again by Pilate, "Have you no answer?" Jesus was glorified on Palm Sunday, however he gives absolutely no credibility to being given the death penalty during his trial. His silence makes a point.

As Jesus was walking up the hill to Calvary on that horrible day of the crucifixion, he was silently preaching. Jesus' way is a way of powerlessness, of dependence, of passion. He chose to be among us as one of us. We learn that from this week. Another silent preacher who we can admire is the passerby, Simon the Cyrenian. He was pulled in to carry the cross. He just does it without any complaining or reluctance. Jesus needs us to help to fulfill his mission. He needs people to carry His cross with Him and for Him.

Let us all follow Jesus who often quietly preaches and also learn from Simon, the Cyrenian, who helps carry the cross. We pray and do the work we're called to do. Have a blessed Passion Sunday/Holy Week! Pray and become a person of action!

Peace, Deacon John

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** Holy Thursday Mass 6:00 St. Charles

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday 12:30 Stations 1:00  
Good Friday Service Presider: Deacon John

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** Easter Vigil Mass 8:30PM  
Nativity Presider: Fr. David Preuss

**Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

## WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



### How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs? Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

### Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

Our Gospel Passion reading begins with Jesus at the house of Simon, the leper, and a woman there who anointed Jesus with expensive perfumed oil. In response to the anger of some (feeling the oil should have been sold to help the poor), Jesus said, *"The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial."* Later at the Passover meal, Jesus revealed one of the twelve would betray Him and again tells of His coming death. While they were eating, Jesus, took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, *"Take it; this is my body."* Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, *"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."* The rest of this reading becomes more painful, but Jesus' mission is very clear. When you consider the humanness of Jesus who knew what He would suffer, how does it make you feel? Could there be any greater sacrifice?

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS Palm Sunday

**First Reading:**  
*Isaiah 50:4-7*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*My God, My God, why have you abandoned me.*

**Second Reading:**  
*Philippians 2:6-11*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*Mark 14:1-15:47*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Easter Sunday**

**First Reading:**  
*Acts 10:34, 37-43*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading:**  
*1 Cor 5: 6b-8*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*John 20:1-9*

## 2024 FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Application Submission Period:** March 15, 2024 - June 1, 2024

**How to Obtain Applications:** Application forms can be downloaded and printed from our Nativity website at [nativitydetroit.org](http://nativitydetroit.org) (click on the About Us / Work tabs; select appropriate application)

Donations can be submitted at [Give \(parishsoft.com\)](http://Give.parishsoft.com) under the Fr. Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

**For further questions, please contact Charvala Adams-Wheeler via phone 313-590-2172 or email [nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com](mailto:nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com).**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:** Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need: spaghetti noodles, cereal, and peanut butter.

**NO MORNING MASS, THURSDAY MARCH 28th.**



# HOLY WEEK

### Easter Triduum/Mass Schedule - 2024

Holy Thursday	at St. Charles, 6:00PM
Good Friday	12:30PM/Stations 1:00PM Service
Easter Vigil	at Nativity, 8:30 PM Mass
Easter Sunday	9:30 AM Mass

The Parish Offices will be closed April 1st-April 8th. Leave a message if needed, as the messages will be checked daily.

### Please Join Us!

#### Strangers No Longer 3rd Annual Banquet

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 1:00-3:30**

Ukrainian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan Road Mi 48091  
Donation: \$30.00 per person

For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 8192867  
Mike Clyne (313) 5701471 or [jmcllyne@comcast.net](mailto:jmcllyne@comcast.net)

Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction.



## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Jansen Family, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, George Kent, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, JoAnne Novara, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Barron Scott's mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, the Benigni and Chida Families, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, and all those who need our prayers. **(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)**



*Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you, there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety, or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

### On the Rise Bakery Cafe

At the Solanus Casey Center  
1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207  
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM  
**GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO**

## REMINDERS:

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>  
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>  
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of the church.  
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in front of the church near the collection basket  
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org>  
Parish Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch\\_detroit/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

## MASS Intentions

### **Palm Sunday March 24, 2024**

Frank & Helen Silveri (Family)  
Chico Mondalek (Family)  
Alfred Pelham & The Deceased of the Pelham Family  
(Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

### **Easter Sunday March 31, 2024 The Nativity Family**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**3-24:** Gail Urso  
**3-26:** Sarah Awan & Judy Dupre  
**3-27:** Rosanne Schwartz



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**3-25:** Danny & Shivaun Wois

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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*Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator*

*Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum*

*Deacon John Wright*

*Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator*

*Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Hermenia Adams*

*Mashauna Adams*

*Sr. Ellen Burkhardt*

*Jerry Burns*

*Tish Colett*

*Maura Corrigan*

*Linda Cunningham*

*Norma Danzie*

*Willie Lewis*

*Chris McLaughlin*

*Kim Milligan*

*Mark Miller*

*Sharon Mudloff*

*Charvala Wheeler*

## **Nativity's Mission Statement**

*Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's Eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.*