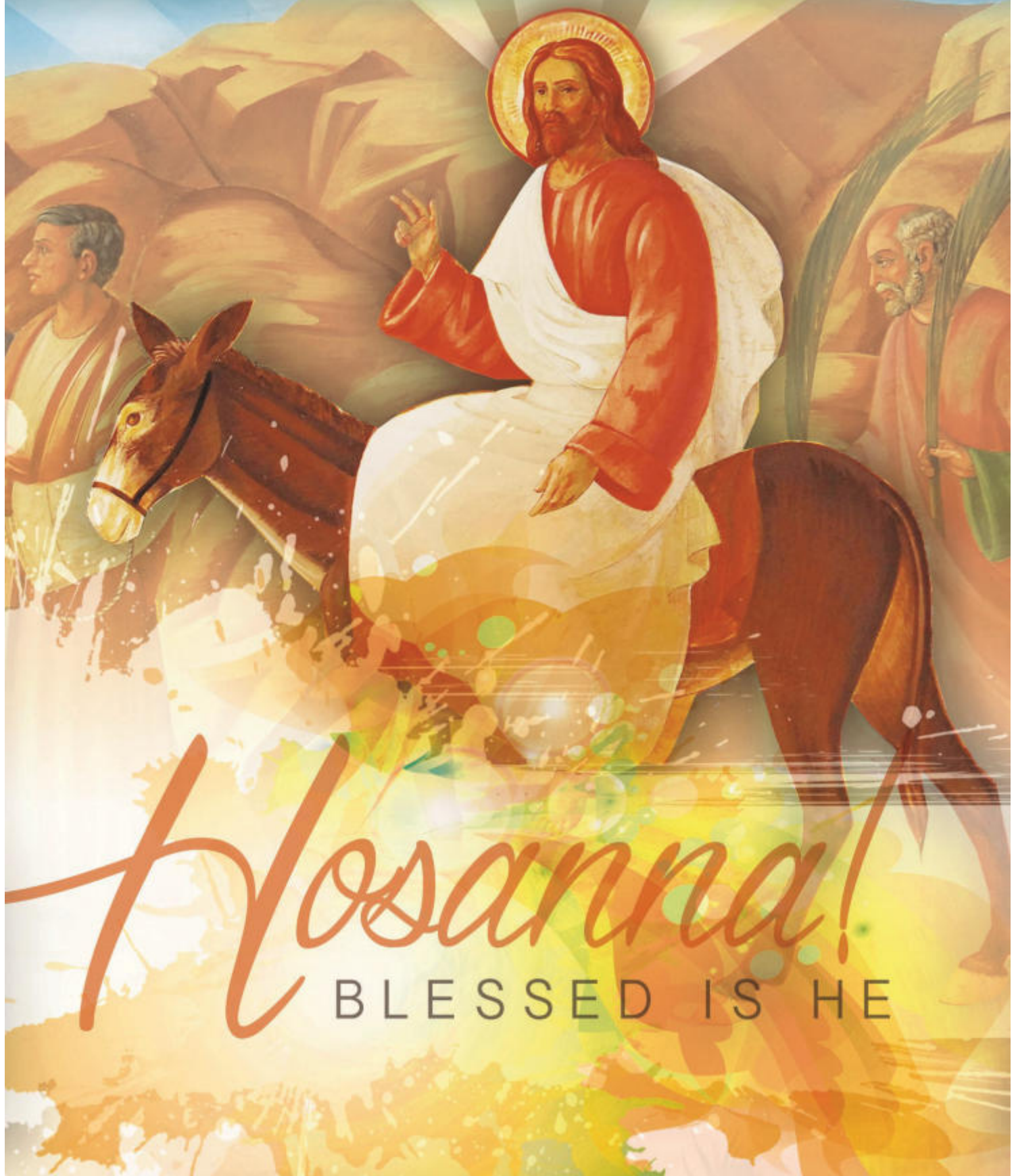


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"One in Mind and Heart, Intent Upon God"
~ St. Augustine

MASS INTENTIONS

Palm Sunday

Fr. Kelley will be remembering your intentions during his daily private mass

MONDAY, APRIL 6

William & Edward C. Sullivan

Family

Paul Bourgeois

Theresa Bourgeois

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Ronald Federici

Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Priest's Intentions

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

HOLY THURSDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

EASTER VIGIL

Marie L. Becker

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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We are especially grateful for the contributions mailed in from parishioners, despite the cancellation of masses.



Video recordings of Holy Week Masses and services from either St. Mary's or St. Augustine's can be found online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/wgicp9d>

Palm Sunday Mass from St. Augustine's
Holy Thursday Mass from St. Mary's
Good Friday Service from St. Augustine's
Easter Vigil Mass from St. Mary's

For Bishop Scharfenburger's Holy Week Services livestreamed: <https://www.rcda.org/livemass>

Watch Daily Mass with Pope Francis: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

Are you cleaning house during the "Stay at Home" order?

Don't throw away all those unwanted treasures you're finding as you clean. The pandemic will end and when it does, our parish will already be planning its annual

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A message from Fr. Kelley

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well, safe and healthy at home. These are unprecedented times, certainly nothing we've ever seen before and, God-willing, will never experience again. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for all the members of our community.

I'm writing to you this week to express a few additional thoughts. First, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the parishioners who have continued to send in their weekly envelope in the absence of a mass. As you can imagine, our bills keep rolling in. While we've cut back on services where possible, there are some services that cannot be reduced. So your continued contributions are critical to our ability to continue operating. THANK YOU!

Additionally, both churches are open for private prayer each day. St. Mary's is open from 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. St. Augustine's is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The churches will continue to be sanitized but I would ask all who visit to continue to sanitize your hands when you arrive and stay a safe, six foot distance from each other. And please, stay home if you don't feel well.

I'm also pleased to say that we plan to video all Holy Week services starting with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Sunday. Links for these masses can be found within this bulletin and on the parish website.

During this time when we are essentially homebound, I encourage you to use your time as productively as possible. And nothing is more productive right now than prayer! Recently, someone suggested that what we need is a "national day of prayer"; one day when all 330 million Americans stop what they're doing for even just a few minutes and pray for God's help and guidance. What a powerful thing that would be and a most fitting way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

I miss our time together and am looking forward to seeing you when things return to normal. Until then, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kelley

Gospel Meditation

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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?

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Rose Bix, Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Robert Wittemann, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, John Daly, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Jacob Ward, Joan Fontaine, Rosemary Gavitt, Donald Berthiaume Jr., Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Carol Hart, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A., and Father John Byrnes, O.S.A.,
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