

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May you find Christ here...May you bring Christ to the World.

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

At the name of Jesus
every knee should bend . . .
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:10, 11

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Sacraments/Other Information



BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



RITE of CONFESSION

By Appointment.



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week. A very different way to celebrate it than we are used to, celebrating the services without a congregation or only being able to participate remotely. Not something that we would ever choose as a preferred way, but that doesn't mean it may not be a way in which God will grace and speak to us in a special way this year. The Passion of Christ that we will read for today's Gospel and will also hear on Good Friday we realize isn't the way in which Jesus desired things would go forward, and yet this is how God brought about the means of our salvation.

We have received particular instructions in some of the modifications we will need to make to celebrate these services without a congregation, adapting to our situation. I would recommend that maybe you consider this for your homes too. As decorations and celebrations in church are always more somber and simple during Lent that gives even greater emphasis on the joy and celebration come Easter, maybe there are ways to do this also in your homes during Holy Week.

Maybe for each of the Triduum celebrations you may have a different piece of art or decoration that can be placed where you watch the services to bring greater emphasis on the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, or the Resurrection from the tomb. Or possibly just in the manner of the clothes you wear. At home alone, or even just with family we might dress differently than we would if we were going to church. But hopefully the reason we dress differently for church isn't to impress others, but rather to give honor to God and an outward reminder to ourselves also of how special this celebration is. One of the changes we are doing this year due to the live-streaming and the inability to have people come to the service is that we will celebrate the Good Friday service at 3pm instead of at 7pm in the evening. 3pm is the preferred hour, as we know it is closer to the hour of Christ's death, but since in our current society many have to work and cannot make the service in the afternoon it has been commonly celebrated in the evening. This year we realize many more will not be at work than would usually be the case due to shut-downs, but also the recording of the service will be on-line for those who couldn't participate at 3pm to view when they can.

Our Lenten Season took an undeniably drastic turn this year, but let us always remember, especially when we are most in need, that God is there for us. May your Holy Week be the preparation you need at this time to know and be open to the special blessings God has for each of us.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

FORMED

We are excited to announce that our parish, for the next few weeks, has become a partner in a dynamic faith formation program called FORMED. This program is designed to help our parish form adults in the Catholic faith comfortably in your own home. Head to formed.org to investigate all the resources that are now at your finger tips. As a member of our parish, you can access FORMED anytime on the web, using your computer, smartphone, or tablet. It is extremely important that we as Catholics not only know our Catholic faith, but also bear witness to Christ in our daily lives, particularly at this moment in time. We strongly encourage every parishioner to take advantage of this excellent resource and to learn more about our amazing and beautiful faith. So go check it out! It's this simple to access:

“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



ASSUMPTION PARISH IS EXCITED TO OFFER

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Courtesy of FORMED. For the next 40 days Assumption Parish is able to offer you a free subscription to FORMED. So we'll provide the movie, you provide the popcorn and drinks!

SIGN IN TO SELECT AND VIEW A FAITH BASED FAMILY MOVIE BY:

1. Visiting www.FORMED.org and click "sign up"
2. Select I belong to a parish or organization
3. Find our parish by name or zipcode
4. Enter your email and you're in!
5. Click on the tab "movies" & search for what you want to watch



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer

- ◆ Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance code 3721) **STILL OPEN.**
- ◆ Lenten Journey with ARCHSTL - Text *lentSTL* to 84576 to join.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday – April 9, Live Streamed ~ 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 10, Live Streamed ~ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 11, Live Streamed ~ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 12, Live Streamed ~ 10:00am

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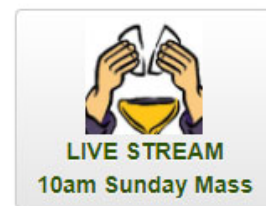
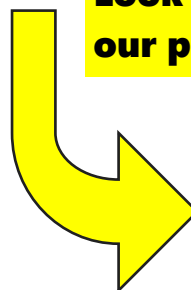
Watch Assumption’s 10:00am Mass LIVE!

www.assumptionbvm.org

Can’t attend Mass – NO PROBLEM – we will bring Mass to you!! We will be **Live Feeding** our 10:00AM Mass each week so that WE CAN be together! SHARE this with everyone you know!! Simply visit our home page at www.assumptionbvm.org. There, you will find the link to click on to view the live Mass. Questions? Please call Jeannette Hamann at 636-240-3721 ext 247.



Look for THIS link on our parish website:



Week at a

MONDAY 4.06.20

TUESDAY 4.07.20

WEDNESDAY 4.08.20

1st Reading: Is 42:1-7
Gospel : Jn 12:1-11

1st Reading: Is 49:1-6
Gospel: Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

1st Reading: Is 50: 4-9
Gospel: Mt 26: 14-25

Readings

PRAYER RESOURCES :

Magnificat: Their online version is being made temporarily available to everyone for free: www.magnificat.com/free.

Free temporary access is also available in Spanish: www.magnificat.com/gratis.

Give Us This Day: <https://giveusthisday.org/Free>.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

https://youtu.be/M-KF_ZxbkD4?list=PLpTzvCOJa7DCHfdjcDiaydw7XUGHYQOE:

**Adult Confirmation – May 31st
at the Cathedral Basilica, St. Louis**

Are you an adult Catholic who received all of your Sacraments of Initiation except Confirmation and would like to? Please call the parish office at 636-240-3721, and a priest will set up a time to meet with you and walk you through the process of Adult Confirmation.



If you are homebound and would like Communion brought to you, we do have parishioners who visit other parishioners once a week, visit and pray with them, and give them Communion. Please know that these parishioners will take proper precautions before entering your home as recommended by the CDC. Please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721.



Our priests are still offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please know that they will take proper precautions before entering your home as recommended by the CDC. Please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721.



Please pray for the repose
of the soul of:

*Margaret Peters
Wife of Paul Peters*

**Heart of the Nation
Catholic Masses**

For those who don't have the luxury of a computer or smart phone or cable...Catholic Masses are available with Free TV antenna on the following channels:

Channel 11.1 at 8:30am
Channel 2.2 at 9:00am

***Perpetual Help Devotions on HOLD
*24 Hour Chapel Open**

Until further notice, we will not be holding Perpetual Help devotions. Our 24 hour prayer chapel will remain accessible for individual prayer. Enter through the North side door near the ramp, please use code 3721 to open the door.



Prayer

PRAYER:
A heart to
heart with God
"Our strength
comes from
the Eucharist"

THURSDAY 4.09.20

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

1st Reading: Ex 12:1-8,11-14
2nd Reading: Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY 4.10.20

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 52:13-53:12
2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 18:1-9:42

SATURDAY 4.11.20

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

1st Genesis 1:1 - 2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; 2nd Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; 3rd Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; 4th Ezekiel 36: 16-17a,18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3-11; Gospel Luke 24:1-12

SUNDAY 4.12.20

Easter Sunday

1st Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; 2nd Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel John 20:1-9

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUAL READING

Daily Readings: <http://usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Catechism Online: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html>, or http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM.



HOSPITALITY:
 Christian
 Kindness
 "We are ALL
 hospitality
 ministers"

Hospitality

Parish Office Update

The parish office is closed until further notice, but the staff will all be available to answer any of your questions! We can be reached by calling the parish office phone # (636) 240-3721 and hitting the staff members three digit extension # found below. This will go directly to our personal phones. (Or, you can always send us an email) All of us in the office want you to know that we are here for each of you! ~Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always"

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Parish Manager: Jim Hager	ext 225	jjhager99@yahoo.com

GOD LAUGHS WITH US!

Fr. Nick and Fr. Patrick decided they could not keep the great humor of Monsignor McCumber to themselves! So they asked him to send a funny story for the bulletin to share with EVERYONE! The story below is from **Monsignor McCumber!** Just one of his MANY funny stories that we are blessed to hear.... ENJOY!!



The Church Lady

There was a little old lady who was very spiritual who would step out on her porch every day, raise her arms to the sky and yell, "Praise the Lord"

One day, an atheist bought the house next door to her, and he became very irritated with the spiritual lady. So after a month or so of her yelling, "Praise the Lord" from her porch, he would go outside on his porch and yelled back, "There is no Lord."


Yet, this little old lady continued. One cold, wintry day, when the little old lady couldn't get to the store, she went out on her porch, raised her hands up to the sky and said, "Help me Lord, I have no more money, it's cold, and I have no more food."

The next morning, she went outside, and there were bags of food on the porch, enough to last her a week. "Praise the Lord," she yelled.

The atheist stepped out from the bushes and said, "There is no Lord, ha ha ha, I bought those groceries!"

The little old lady raised her arms to the sky and said, "Praise the Lord, You sent me groceries and you made the Devil pay for them!"

LIFE TEEN:  @assumption_LT

 @assumption_life_teen

 Assumption Life Teen



FORMATION
Continuous conversion of mind and heart
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen Some Creative Fun while Staying Home

Staying home for school isn't that much fun - you don't have your friends around, you don't get to actually see your teacher in person, and sometimes the dog barks while you are trying to think!

So, each week, Assumption is sponsoring a "Virtual Spirit Week", where teachers and students take a picture of the "day's theme" and post it to our Assumption Parents and Teachers Page. We have been having a great time with this - and getting some great laughs, too.

Last week, we had Pajama Day, What ya' Reading Day, Crazy Socks Day, Crazy Hair day, and of course, Assumption Gear Day.

Enjoy some of the photos:



Each Friday we still have Stations of the Cross
Thanks to Fr. Nick, we have sent a video he created of the Stations of the Cross to all of our students. Each Friday in Lent, they will be watching the video (and participating) with their family.

And to bring a little laugh:

I went to Walmart this past Sunday, to pick up some items. When I had searched for a bit, I finally asked one of the ladies who stocks the shelves, "Where can I find the nuts?" The very nice women, replied, "Oh, the nuts? You can find them over in the toilet paper aisle!"

Thanks for reading our school news!
Dr. Pat Hensley



SERVICE:

in action
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

Easy Options for Getting the Assumption Parish Bulletin!

1. You can have Assumption Bulletin sent directly to your email! It's EASY! Follow the directions below.

Go to <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>

- Enter criteria to find Parish by state, city, or zip code and then click on the Search button.
- Choose parish from list of results by clicking on the green arrow on the left.
- Complete a simple registration form and SUBMIT. It's that easy!

2. Go on line to the Assumption parish website: assumptionbvm.org

3. Pick up a Bulletin from the Chapel Vestibule anytime!

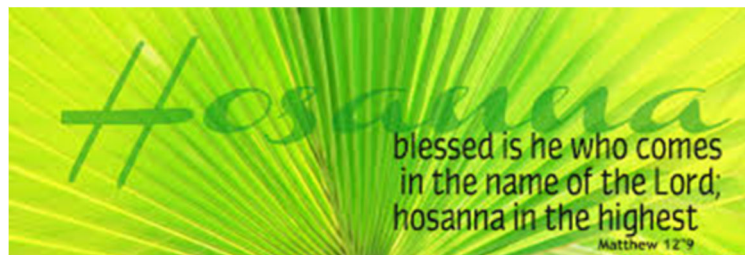
4. Would you like the bulletin to MAILED to your home? Just call the parish office and request this! We will be glad to mail one out to you!

Questions....please call the parish office. 636-240-3721.



Palm Sunday - April 5th - TODAY!

Blessed palms will be available for pick up in our Chapel and another location (TBD) next weekend so that you may follow along with us as we Live Stream our Mass, Sunday April 5 at 10:00AM!



**Are YOU in need?
OR
Would you like to help someone
IN need?**

As we all muddle through these troubling days, we have had generous parishioners who have offered to help anyone who is in need of someone to grocery shop for them, especially the elderly, or someone who is in need of a meal or two. **OR**, if you are someone who would like to assist in this way, please call Jeannette Hamann at the parish office: (636)240-3721 ext. 247.

Attention MEN of Assumption Parish

Our **That Man is You!** Program continues online via Zoom. The meetings will look pretty much the same, but on your computer or Phone. Please check your TMIY email for the link to this coming week's Session. If you are not receiving the TMIY emails or would like to join in on the sessions, please contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or 314-397-2433

Session 24 (4/11/2020): The Triumph of Mercy

- Enlarging the Human Heart
- Encountering the Father, Rich in Mercy
- The Story of St. John Bosco
- The Power of a Good Confession
- The Gift of Peace
- The Superabundant Mercy of God
- John Paul II and Mercy



SERVICE:

Love in action
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

Mercy Angel Drivers

If you are in need of someone to pick up your prescription or grocery shop for you - THAT is our specialty! Please visit: <https://mercydriversxr.weebly.com>.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Even though we do not have public Masses, we still have ongoing employee and facility expenses. Envelopes still can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office, in the drop box next to parish office door.

Giving Online: It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Instructions:

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: assumptionbvm.org
- ~ Under Quick Links on the right, click on: Online Giving
- ~ Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.

You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account

- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account
- ~ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.

If you have questions or need additional help, please call Mary Knapp, 636-240-3721, ext. 234.



Weekends, Now through Palm Sunday, April 5th, Deacon Richard and the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over (325,000) thousand diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and **bring them to the "Diaper Plastic Tub" in the Chapel.** All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community, St. Vincent de Paul, and many others in need. **For more information, contact Deacon Richard at 314-397-2433.** We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and please be as generous as possible.



We so pray that all of you are keeping safe and protected . So many of you asked what to do with the prayer cards. Continue to pray for our group and we are planning to gather those as soon as our Church community celebrates again together.

The RCIA group will be receiving their sacraments as soon as we are able to assemble with the community. At this time, they are planning for the feast of Pentecost. Of course this is an evolving situation so that date could also be pushed farther down the road if needed.

Obviously, God has control of this...not us. So, we do the best we can. As for our process of preparation for the group.....

Team members responsible for the next few RCIA Sessions compiled topic info/handouts/video/questions/etc., and forwarded the package to the group before the Sunday session. We thought this was the best way to be consistent in the way we communicate with the group . Past sessions were focused on the 3 main readings for this time of year for RCIA... The Samaritan Woman, The Man Born Blind, and Lazarus.

We modified Our retreat scheduled for today to include some of the original things through emails, videos and most importantly prayer. We introduce Holy Week with homework associated for each day and concluding with videos with Stations of the Cross.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

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