



On Becoming Human

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Sometimes human beings seem to be **evolving** into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of fáith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

Reflect

***Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?***



[Jesus said,] “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”

JOHN 8:10–11

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory Of Rev. Joseph A. Barnes

SAT	5:15 PM	Francis Miller	THUR	7:00PM	Joyce Mahon
SUN	7:30 AM	Charles Wagner	FRI	7:30AM	Michael Murtagh
	9:00 AM	Josie & Gus Fredriksen	SAT	5:15PM	Wanda Matuszak
	11:00 AM	Our Parishioners	SUN	7:30AM	Helen & Frank Janiszewski
MON	7:30AM	Gerald H. Iezzi		9:00AM	Josephine Uivary
TUES	7:00PM	Ron Schwendt		11:00AM	Stanley Pinkos
WED	7:30AM	Pamela Setlock			

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Remember in your prayers the sick: Pope Francis, Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger, Msgr. Edward Domin, Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Lois Muldowney, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Barbara Wright, Beppy McGee, Jerry Miscovich, John Kuszniir, Joseph Ondo, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Clara Bailey, Jessica Bailey, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Nancy Guilliams, Tony Guilliams, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Carol Zawora, Rose Kubovcsak, Lyn Weidenhammer, Caraline Herb, Henry Wade, Jr., Joe Bailey, Daniel McLaughlin, Ann Hay, Geri Barth, Kathleen Grady, Jeff Stetina, Larry Palmer, Chris Owens & Donna Casper.

Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at

www.icbvm.org

Hospital Visitations: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11AM-3PM. IF YOU CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 610-582-2411, AND NO ONE IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday evening Mass at 5:15PM

Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00 AM

Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Living Stations at 4PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7-8PM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 7-8PM

MONDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

TUESDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

ICA Mass at 9:00AM

7 to 9PM Eucharistic Adoration

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Family Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(Come, "Watch One Hour" with Jesus)

After Evening Mass to 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Confessions following until 5:00 PM

Day of Fast and Abstinence

HOLY SATURDAY

Noon - Blessing of Food

Confessions from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

8:00 PM - The Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

Blessing of the children's Easter Baskets at 9:00 and

11:00 AM

LIVING STATIONS PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1:00PM THIS FRIDAY, AND ON PALM SUNDAY AT 4:00PM. ON FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS TAKE PLACE AT 7:00PM.

Eucharistic Adoration

During the 40 days of Lent our church is open every Wednesday, 7-9pm for Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on the altar. You are welcome to come & spend some quiet time with the Lord Jesus. You may bring your own prayer books, use

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any of the books in our parish library, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit and relax and enjoy the peace that comes from simply being in the presence of God

Family Mass - On April 13th at the 9am Mass, we will celebrate the children and families of our parish Church of the Immaculate Conception.

This inspiring and family-friendly event will bring together our cherished families, children, and the broader Parish community. We cordially invite you to join us for this special Mass, as it offers an incredible opportunity to build our community, nurture friendships, and create lasting memories. Participate in Mass alongside our talented Immaculate Conception Academy students, who will serve in key roles in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. After Mass, enjoy a Social Sunday reception in the Social Hall. Engage in a family-friendly atmosphere that welcomes all age groups. Save the Date and Spread the Word! Family Sunday Mass April 13th at 9am.

Friday Lenten Rosary - Friday, at 6pm, our parish is holding a Scriptural Rosary in the church. Make the Rosary a part of your weekly Lent prayer practice, along with Stations of the Cross which follow at 7pm. All are welcome

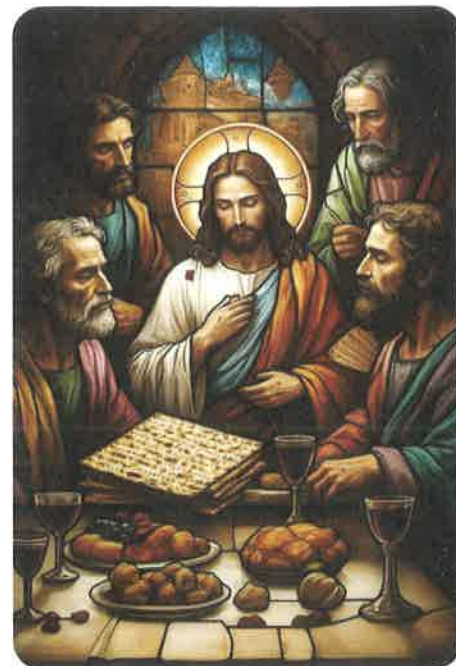
EGG HUNT for our parish children age 12 and younger on April 19th at 11am in the social hall. We are collecting bags of small individually wrapped candy and cash. A donation box is in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your support

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus'] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

April 7

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62

Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

April 8

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

April 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

April 10

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9

Jn 8:51–59

Friday

April 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

April 12

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28–40

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49