

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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8:30 am — 4:00 pm

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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

March 28, 2021


Palm Sunday

Do the choices we make reflect our own will or the will of God?

Estimates say that human beings make as many as 35,000 choices each day. Through his sin of pride, the first man, Adam, attempted equality with God. Through humility and docility, Jesus put aside pride and accepted death on a cross for the salvation of mankind. In each moment, we have a choice—will we follow the example of Adam or the example of Jesus?

We worship every Sunday at 10 am

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Fr. Jay Matthews

Requested by Jean Pryor



Offerings for March 21, 2021

Offerings: \$2,320 Online Giving: \$1,910

Catholic Relief Services: \$285

Attendance: 54

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sarah Gordon, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters

March Birthdays

**Ralph Destephano, Patrick Flaherty,
Marcia Fugate, Kaila Knight,
Ramona Moore**

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 28, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

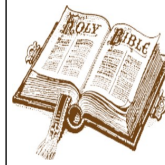
Mark 14:1-15, 47 or 15:1-39

Bible Readings for Sunday, April 4, 2021

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.

Mark 14:3

Reflection: We have met certain people in life who have shown us what it means to be totally self-giving and selfless, serving the needs of others. There are parents who pour themselves out each day loving and caring for their children. There are teachers who pour themselves out in the classroom teaching their students the value of knowledge, personal responsibility, and study. There are healthcare providers and social workers who pour themselves out caring for people from all walks of life who have mental, emotional, and physical needs. There are police officers, firefighters, and other civil servants who pour themselves out defending and protecting the lives of others. There are missionaries—clergy, religious men and women, and lay volunteers—who pour themselves out serving the poorest of the poor in underdeveloped countries throughout the world. There are people all over this world who quietly, humbly pour themselves out in caring, loving, compassionate ways without counting the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical cost. These are the people who show up every day, with their weaknesses and strengths, and open up their loving and compassionate hearts in service to anyone regardless of the person's status and the nature of the need.

Ponder: How do I pour myself out in service to others?

Prayer: Lord, you empty yourself out in loving service to all people. Give me a selfless spirit that I may be of service to others.

Practice: I will pray for a generous spirit; I will fast from hardheartedness; I will give of myself to some work of charity.



Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who have supported the Catholic Ministries Appeal this year! If you have not made your gift yet, it is not too late. You might be wondering if you should still make a gift to the CMA if our church has surpassed its goal. There are two good reasons for making a gift to the CMA today:

1. Fifty percent of all dollars raised over our goal will come back to our church in a check from the Diocese.
2. The other fifty percent will be used to help other parishes that are struggling to get to their CMA goals. In the City of Rochester alone, St. Monica's, St. Boniface, and Blessed Sacrament are all still working to get to their goals. If they don't make their goals, the parish will have to make up the difference. Your gift to the CMA today can help those parishes, by at least partially reducing the gap between what they raise from their parishioners and their CMA goals.

Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your gift today.

Holy Week

Chrism Mass ~ Tuesday, March 30 ~ 7:00 pm

The 2021 *Diocesan Chrism Mass* will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral. While ongoing safety precautions for the Coronavirus will greatly limit the number of who can be present in the Cathedral, there is an opportunity for a small representation of the faithful to join the priests who have previously indicated their attendance. Reservations to attend the Mass had to be made by Wednesday, March 17th due to the pandemic restrictions.

This celebration involves the Blessing by Bishop Salvatore Matano of the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and sacred Chrism. These oils are used throughout the year in the sacramental life of our Church. For those unable to be present, the Catholic Courier will live-stream the Chrism Mass on its Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicCourier>

Holy Thursday ~ April 1 ~ 6:00 pm

Today we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper and the first Mass. We rejoice in the Institution of the Eucharist and celebrate the bestowal of the priesthood on the apostles. At the conclusion of Mass the Deacon will transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle at the side altar for private prayer.

Good Friday ~ April 2 ~ 12:00 Noon

Today is a day of sorrow and sadness and yet, if we explore a little, we find it is a day of intense victory: Jesus has died but not in vain. He has died for us.

All the trapping of our daily liturgical celebrations have been stripped away. We observe the stark reality of suffering and death. The Church opens at 11:00 am for private prayer, followed by the Solemn Liturgy of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord at 12:00 pm.

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil ~ April 3 ~ 7:00 pm

The Easter Vigil will be held at St. Monica's Church. We are joining the three parishes into one combined celebration. The final day of Paschal Triduum. In elegant starkness, our Churches remain empty-even the Blessed Sacrament has been removed. There is a visible emptiness, the feeling of fulfillment, yet no fulfillment is in sight—a vision of hope yet to be realized. All of this culminates the majestic Vigil Service which concludes "Alleluia, He is Risen!"

7:00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil. (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist.) The Vigil is incorporated within the Mass. Those attending this Mass need not attend Mass on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday ~ April 1 ~ 6:00 pm Mass

Good Friday Liturgy ~ April 2 ~ 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil at St. Monica ~ April 3 ~ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 4 ~ 10:00 am

HOLY WEEK

ST. MONICA CHURCH

All services live-streamed

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| <i>Holy Thursday Mass</i> | <i>Thursday, April 1</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Good Friday Service</i> | <i>Friday, April 2</i> | <i>3:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Easter Vigil at Monica's</i> | <i>Saturday, April 3</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Easter Sunday Mass</i> | <i>Sunday, April 4</i> | <i>9:00 am</i> |

Easter Sunday Mass: Because of COVID-19, we have certain guidelines we must follow for Mass. We will welcome 150 people into church. Once we reach our COVID capacity, we will welcome people to join us in the parking lot in their cars for Mass by either watching the live stream on YouTube or tuning their car radios to our transmitter frequency, where they will be able to listen to Mass. Communion will be distributed in the parking lot to those in their cars. Church doors will open at 8:00 am and parking attendants will help direct cars. Thank you for working with us for a safe, meaningful Easter for everyone. We look forward to seeing you!

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 4 ~ 10:00 am

Today's a joyous day of victory, resurrection, and new life. Our Lenten Penance ended, our Vigil of Waiting concluded. We rejoice together as God's Saved People at the 10:00 am Mass.



If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial

Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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| <p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p> | <p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p align="center">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of Driving, Orville's Appliances and many more.</p> | |
| <p>CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p> | <p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p> | <p>TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p> | <p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p> | <p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p> | <p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p> |
| <p>For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>JoAnn Gordon</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p> |