

## Lent and Easter 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Another season of Lenten preparation for the joy of Easter is upon us. The traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving can remind us of the importance of putting our spiritual lives in order and remembering the most important things in life. May this year be a time of renewal and reform in our lives.

Fridays are a special day during Lent where confessions start at 4pm and masses are moved from the morning to 5pm with Stations of the Cross being celebrated at 5:30pm.

For floral memorials, please return the form on the reverse side with your donation to the Parish Office before **Monday, March 27, 2023**. You may place it in the collection on the weekend of **March 18-19 or March 25-26**.

May the celebration of Easter fill your hearts with the joy of knowing how much our Father loves you personally. May the Risen Jesus be for you an encounter of divine mercy and an on-going source of hope and peace.

Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Don J. Geph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'G' at the end.



### 2023 Easter Decoration/Floral Memorials

At Easter time, and throughout the Easter season, we make a special effort to reflect the joy of Our Lord's Resurrection through our decorations and flowers. You have the opportunity to share in this effort through flower memorials on behalf of someone living or deceased. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Easter Decoration/Floral Memorials Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory/Honor of: **(PLEASE PRINT)**

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Name of Donor **(PLEASE PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Lent/Holy Week 2023

#### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Liturgy of the Word/Distribution of Ashes at 7am and 5:30pm  
Masses with Distribution of Ashes at 9am and 7pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

##### Communal Celebrations

**\*\*\*St. Cecilia\*\*\***  
Sunday, March 19: 2pm

**\*\*\*St. Thomas Aquinas\*\*\***  
Wednesday, March 1: 6pm

##### Individual Celebrations during Lent

**Fridays afternoons:** 4pm—4:45pm (Mass celebrated at 5pm; Stations at 5:30pm)

**Saturday afternoons:** 3:15-4:45pm

**Wednesday, April 5:** 11am-Noon; 5:30pm-7pm

Individual appointments apart from the regular schedule (if necessary) may be arranged by contacting Fr. Don at: [dczapla@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:dczapla@stceciliaparish.org) or 515-233-3092.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional Lenten devotion, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night of Lent at 5:30pm (follows 5pm Mass)

#### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, April 1 & 2: Palms distributed and incense used at all Masses  
Saturday: 5pm; Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm (Hispanic)

**Holy Thursday**, April 6: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm (incense used)

**Good Friday**, April 7: Stations of the Cross, 2pm led by St. Cecilia School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Good Friday**, April 7: Liturgy of Good Friday at 7pm

**Easter Vigil**, Saturday, April 8: Vigil Liturgy at 8pm (incense used)

**Easter Sunday**, April 9: Masses at 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm (Hispanic)