

# St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025



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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



**Passion Sunday:** The reading of Our Lord's Passion on this Sunday is unique among the Sunday gospel readings. With the reading divided between priest, narrator, speaker and crowd, it is the only Mass where the gospel is read by someone other than priest or deacon. (Good Friday also has the gospel read in parts, but the Good Friday liturgy is not a Mass.) Together with the blessing of palms and procession at the start, we are given a dramatic introduction to the special liturgies of Holy Week.

The Holy Week schedule is in this bulletin, and also in the mailing sent earlier this Lent. There are no big changes from previous years, but remember the *only* Holy Saturday Mass is the Easter Vigil at 8 pm. The Vigil is a unique and powerful liturgy, though much longer than the other Easter Masses. Everyone should experience it at least once.

**Generation to Generation Update:** Earlier this year we celebrated our success in the Generation to Generation Capital campaign. By surpassing our goal, we have started a process of debt forgiveness with the Archdiocese. I received a letter formally acknowledging this process in February. The first step is the suspension of the interest being charged on the debt. This step is in progress with the finance office of the Archdiocese, and I expect written confirmation of it in the coming week.

Even more importantly, our donors have been sending in their payments on the campaign pledges they made! The first three months of 2025 have seen approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of our total come in. This is great news because it means once the needed paperwork is done, the first quarter of the debt will be written off by the Archdiocese. Financial matters like this take a certain amount of time to process, mostly because the paperwork has to follow legal guidelines. There should be news coming on this in the near future.

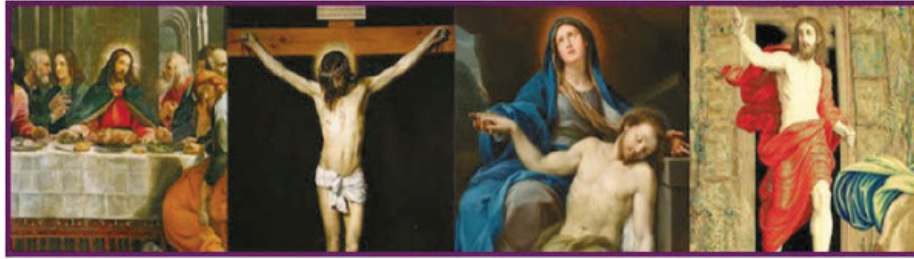
This is also a good time to remind our donors; you should have gotten your first statements on the status of pledges and payments. These come from the campaign organizers, clearly labeled as *Generation to Generation*. If you have any questions about this, please call Mark at the parish office. The overall timeframe for pledge payments is five years. We need to complete the debt relief process before we know what share of the donations is available for parish use.

**Faith and Science Study:** Most of the study guides have been paid for, so I expect to order the accompanying videos this week. I hope to start meeting on Easter week or the week after. This will allow us to meet a few times before pausing for the summer, and resuming in the Fall.

Blessings of Holy Week,

Fr. Matthew





## **2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Holy Thursday, April 17**

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service  
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

### **Good Friday, April 18**

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service  
9:30 - 11:45 am Morning Confession  
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm – Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service  
1:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food  
\* No 4pm Mass  
\* No Confessions  
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Masses – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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**St. Raphael The Archangel  
Daily Mass Schedule**

**Weekday:** 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am);  
**Saturday:** 4:00 pm; **Sunday:** 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
**Office Hours:** The Church Office is open Monday—Thurs from 9:am—4:00 pm and closed on Fridays.  
**Confession:** Saturday afternoons from 3-3:40 pm  
**Baptism:** Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at 847-395-3474.  
**Marriage Preparation:** Registered and supporting members should call the office.  
A date should not be set until consulting the pastor.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, April 12 3:00 pm  
Monday, April 14 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross  
April 18th—9:30 am—11:45 am



**St. Raphael The Archangel Religious Education**

Wednesday, April 16 and 23rd: Classes at Millburn Middle School  
Saturday, April 26th: First Holy Communion Rehearsal: Church 9:30 am  
Sunday, April 27th :First Holy Communion Mass: Church 11 am.  
Wednesday, April 30th: Last Day of class. Text books will be turned in on that day.  
Saturday, May 3rd: Confirmation Rehearsal: Church 9:30 am  
Monday, May 5th: Confirmation Mass : Church 7:00 pm.

More information about the Religious Education Program at:  
[religioueducation@straphaelcatholic.org](mailto:religioueducation@straphaelcatholic.org).



**Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet Mass**



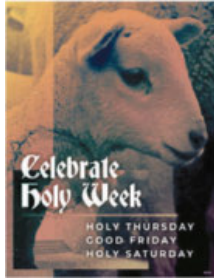
Envelopes are available in the narthex to include women, living or deceased, in our Mass Intentions during May. For living mothers there are cards available to present to your mother. May 1 is the deadline for submitting names for publication in the bulletin. Kindly place your envelope in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Thank you.

**St. Raphael the Archangel Serving in the Armed Forces**

The names of active duty military personnel from the St. Raphael community are listed below. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom. Please notify the parish office if you would like to add someone to the list or if your service person is no longer active in the military.

- Captain Nicholas A. DeSilvia, U. S. Air Force**
- 1 LT Mary Claire Simutus, U.S. Army**
- SFC Robert L. Ochsner III, U.S. Army**
- 1 LT Sarah Ochsner, U.S. Army**

### Music during the Triduum



As we enter Holy Week, I would like to encourage you to come to each day of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil), especially if that is something you do not normally observe. A simple way to look at these three days is to think of it as one long Mass. Once it begins on Holy Thursday, it does not truly conclude until the end of the Easter Vigil Mass. There are no dismissals on Thursday and Friday. From a musical standpoint, this is the most challenging time of the year for the choir in terms of the amount of music needed for these liturgies, as well as the difficulty of some selections. These days are the summation of our faith, and much of that is reflected in the music, notably Pange Lingua on Holy Thursday, music during the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, and the Exultet, Psalms, and Sequence of the Vigil and Day Easter Masses. It is a beautiful, emotional, and immersive experience in the faith.

Alex Fries, Music Director

### Altar and Rosary Sodality Women's Group



The Book Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 30** at 6 pm to discuss *The Book of Hours* by T. Davis Bunn. While exploring the mysteries of his Oxfordshire estate, widower Brian Blackstone discovers a medieval secret which offers a key to renew his spirit and heal his broken heart. The power of prayer reaches through the centuries in a surprising and mysterious way. We always have a lively discussion and enjoy our get togethers. Pick up a copy and join us.

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3rd Place - Johnny K.

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2nd Place - Ravianne E.

3rd Place - Logan M.



### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection Providing Care to Christians in the Holy Land**

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith. Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history.

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy. The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in many parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs. The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize Liturgical Celebrations for the local Christians and Pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing Ecumenical cooperation.

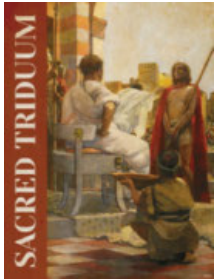
*The Holy Land Franciscans count on our financial help to assist us in providing presence, care and service.*

## Faith Foundations

### *Three days?*

The Paschal Triduum are our “three holiest days” of the Church year. The Church commemorates them as one mystery. We often hear “on the third day He rose again.” How do we get “three days”?

We do so by counting the days as Israel would have and considering how the Church’s liturgy functions. The Paschal Triduum does not begin on the morning of Holy Thursday. That’s still part of Lent. In the early Church, it was the morning the Church reconciled adulterers, apostates, and murderers to itself and, in more recent times, when bishops traditionally celebrated the Chrism Mass with their priests.



The Paschal Triduum starts in the evening of Holy Thursday. Here the Church celebrates the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and when priests pray First Evening Prayer for the Paschal Triduum. The Triduum extends to Second Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday—i.e., sometime on Easter Sunday evening. So, from Thursday to Friday evening, then to Saturday evening, then to Sunday evening . . . three days.

From this the question arises, how did Jesus lie in the tomb for “three days”?

This counting comes from the notion that the Jewish day begins at dusk. Jesus died at about 3 P.M. on Good Friday afternoon. Thus, the sun would not have set yet. This becomes Day one. From sunset of Good Friday to sunset of Holy Saturday: Day two. Since Jesus rose on the night of Easter Sunday, after the sunset of that Saturday, he rose in the course of Day three.

Finally, there’s Eastertide. “The joy of the Resurrection fills the whole world,” repeats one of the Easter prefaces. Such joy cannot be contained in a mere twenty-four hours! We sing, “This is the day the Lord has made,” because it is the day that changed everything in human history: graves were our final destination. The final history of the world has been set in the triumph of God and good. Such a momentous victory cannot be contained in a mere weekend.

Liturgically, we don’t even try. Our Easter season celebration of the Resurrection, that one great victory, is a single unified season from Easter Sunday until the day before Pentecost.

Recall that in ancient Israel, numbers had significance. “Seven” was a perfect number. Seven times seven (i.e., perfection times perfection) equals forty-nine more days and, our fifty days of Easter.

Our Pentecost, or fifty days, is historically grounded: the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles that day. The feast of Shavuot in Jewish tradition is known as the “feast of weeks” and was celebrated in the Jewish calendar fifty days after Passover; a prefigurement of the passover of Christ from death to life at his Resurrection.

Christ’s victory is our victory. Eastertide is a quarter of our liturgical calendar and our most cherished time of celebration. Let us rejoice and be glad!

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## Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule Mass Times for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Mass Times	7:00 pm Holy Thursday	7:00 pm Good Friday	8:00 pm Holy Saturday	9:00 am Easter Sunday	11:00 am Easter Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Dcn. Bob	Fr. Matthew Dcn. Greg	Fr. Matthew Dcn. Greg	Fr. Matthew Dcn. Bob	Fr. Ric Halvorson
Lector	Garry Ryan	Steve Laky Garry Ryan	Steve Laky	Garry Ryan	Open
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Steve Laky	1 Open Donna Pavelski	1 open Donna Pavelski	Steve Laky Gidget Leable	2 Open
Altar Servers	3 Open	3 Open	3 Open	3 Open	E. Herrera G. Muzones M. Muzones
Ushers	2 Open Catherine Laky Dan Bulicek	3 Open Catherine Laky	4 Open Catherine Laky Dan Bulicek	5 Open Catherine Laky	5 Open Rafael Muzones
Fellowship	No Fellowship	No Fellowship	No Fellowship	No Fellowship	No Fellowship

## Events for the Week of April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday April 13	Monday April 14	Tuesday April 15	Wed. April 16	Holy Thursday April 17	Good Friday April 18	Holy Saturday April 19	Easter Sunday April 20
9:00 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Prayer Service	8:30 am Prayer Service	8:30 am Prayer Service	9:00 am Easter Mass
10:00 am Choir practice	6-8 pm Confession		6:30 pm Religious Ed	6:00 pm Choir Practice	9:30 -11:45 am Confession	1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food	11:00 am Easter Mass
10:00 am Rosary			7 pm Choir Practice	7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper	12 Noon Stations of The Cross	NO Confession	
11:00 am Family Mass				8-9:30 pm Adoration	6:00 pm Choir Practice	NO 4 pm Mass	
12:00 pm Choir practice					7:00 pm Liturgy of The Lord's Passion	7:00 pm Choir Practice	
						8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass	

Please submit any articles, events or activities that you would like included in the bulletin, no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, ten days prior to publication. Early Publisher deadlines require earlier submissions. All articles are subject to approval.



**Overnight Silent Retreat: *Hearing the Easter Message***  
 St. Benedict Abbey Retreat Center, Benet Lake, WI; presenter: Fr. Daniel  
 Monday, May 5 at 7:00pm through Wednesday, May 7 at 2:00pm  
 Participants must register! 262-396-4311, ext. 105  
 \$140 fee per person, board and meals.  
Registration deadline is Friday, April 25.



## Mass Intentions

Week of April 13, 2025		Intention for	Requested by:
Saturday, April 12, 2025	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Joseph Leineberg	Paul & Donna Pavelski
Palm Sunday April 13, 2025	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	The Robak Family
	11:00 am	† Julian Robak	
Monday, April 14, 2025	8:30 am	† Pete Frigillana	The Rupniewski Family
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	8:30 am	A Special Intention through St. Peter Canisius & St. Peregrin	Patty Formusa
Wed, April 16, 2025	8:30 am	† Marie & Emil Mandel	Douglas Mandel
Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service	
	7:00 pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper	
	8-9:30 pm	Adoration	
Good Friday, April 18, 2025	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service	
	9:30-11:45	Morning Confession	
	12 Noon	Stations of The Cross	
	7:00 pm	Liturgy of The Lord's Passion	
Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service	
	1:00 pm	Blessing of Easter Food (NO Confession; NO 4 pm Mass)	
	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	
	11:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	

***Please pray for those in our parish and community who are sick:***

Philip Kowalski  
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Paulette Massong  
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**QUIGLEY DAYS**

April 26, 2025

High school age men are invited to enjoy a day of prayer and minigolf.

With breakfast and lunch provided!

- Pick-up: 7:30 a.m. Mother of the Americas (10-person limit)  
7:30 a.m. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish (6-person limit)
- Schedule: 8:15 a.m. Mass at Bishop Quarter House  
8:45 a.m. Prayer Time  
9:15 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Walk to Maggie Daley Park  
10 a.m. Mini Golf at Maggie Daley Park  
11 a.m. Walk back to Bishop Quarter House and grab lunch  
11:30 a.m. Depart
- Drop-off: 12 p.m. Mary, Seat of Wisdom and Mother of the Americas

Scan code to register.  
For more information contact Katie Hazen at [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org).



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**CONFIRMATION MASS**

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 7 p.m.**

St. Edna Church, Arlington Heights

Registration closes on Monday, May 19.

For additional information, please email Lorie Crepeau at [lcrepeau@stedna.org](mailto:lcrepeau@stedna.org).

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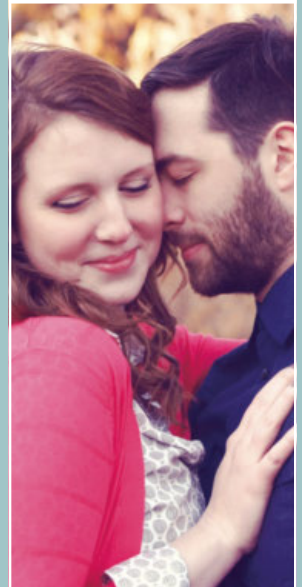
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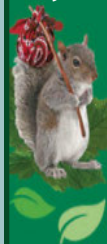
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