



April 6, 2025

Lent

Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025 – “Passiontide” and “Covering of Images & Statues”

You may notice that the Crucifix and/or some statues or images have been covered. The Roman Missal states: “... the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.” Why? Because starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we have entered into a period of time known as “Passiontide,” that is, the period of heightened anticipation as we approach “Passion Week,” more commonly known as “Holy Week.”

The idea of veiling or “hiding” images of Christ (and other images of Saints and Angels) comes from a verse in the Gospel of John. While Jesus was in Jerusalem tensions heightened between Jesus and his opponents who wanted to kill him and, “...they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area,” (John 8:59). While the Gospel narrative is moving towards the climax of Christ’s Passion, “His hour has not yet come” (John 7:30). Thus, the veiling evokes for us Jesus making Himself scarce, and hiding Himself until He is made very visible at the time of His Passion and Death on the Cross.

The veiling of images during this time, especially during Passion Week or Holy Week is also meant to focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

But this veiling of images, of course, is not meant to last forever. Easter is then the great “revealing,” the great “unveiling” when Christ is revealed again triumphant in the full force of His Beauty and Glory! Easter reminds us that one day the great veil of our exile from our heavenly homeland and the veil of death will be lifted. It reminds us of the tearing of the Temple veil, revealing that God’s inner life and holiness is now opened to us, and we are drawn up into the heavenly holy of holies, because of the Triumphant work and victory of Christ!

Peace,
-Fr. Kevin

PS: Next Sunday, being Palm Sunday, a reminder to bring

- 1) Your Lenten Coffee Cups for our Lenten giving and
- 2) Old Palms from last year to be burned in the Easter Fire (ashes from which will be used for Ash Wednesday)

6 de abril, 2025 – “Las Últimas Dos Semanas Antes de la Pascua” y “Cubrir Imágenes y Estatuas”

Habrás notado que el Crucifijo y/u otras estatuas o imágenes han estado cubiertas. El Misal Romano declara: “... se observará la práctica de cubrir cruces e imágenes a través de la iglesia desde el [quinto] domingo [de Cuaresma]. Las cruces permanecerán cubiertas hasta el final de la Celebración de la Pasión de Cristo, el Viernes Santo, pero las imágenes permanecen cubiertas hasta el comienzo de la Vigilia de Pascua.”

¿Por qué? Porque a partir del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, hemos entrado en un período de tiempo conocido como “Passiontide” (las últimas dos semanas antes de la Pascua) que es, el período de mayor anticipación al acercarnos a la “Semana de la Pasión,” más bien conocida como “Semana Santa.”

La idea de velar u “ocultar” imágenes de Cristo (y otras imágenes de Santos y Ángeles) viene del verso en el Evangelio de Juan. Mientras Jesús estaba en Jerusalén, las tensiones aumentaban entre Jesús y sus oponentes que querían asesinarlo y, “...Tomaron entonces piedras para arrojárselas; pero Jesús se escondió y salió del templo,” (Juan 8:59). Mientras la narrativa del Evangelio se acerca hacia el clímax de la Pasión de Cristo, “Su hora aún no había llegado” (Juan 7:30). Por lo tanto, cubrir las imágenes nos evoca a Jesús volviéndose ajeno y ocultándose hasta que sea muy visible en el momento de Su Pasión y Muerte en la Cruz.

Velar las imágenes durante este tiempo, especialmente durante la Semana de la Pasión o Semana Santa, también pretende enfocar nuestra atención a las palabras relatadas en la Misa. Cuando oímos la narrativa de la Pasión, nuestros sentidos nos permiten enfocarnos en las impactantes palabras del Evangelio y a entrar por completo en la escena.

Pero este velo de las imágenes, por su puesto, no está destinado a durar para siempre. La Pascua es entonces la gran “revelación,” ese gran “descubrimiento,” cuando Cristo se revela nuevamente triunfante ¡con toda fuerza en Su Belleza y Gloria! La Pascua nos recuerda que el gran velo de nuestro exilio desde nuestra patria celestial y el velo de la muerte se levantará. Nos recuerda del desgarrar del velo del templo, revelando que la vida interior y la santidad de Dios ahora están abiertas para nosotros, y somos arrastrados al lugar santísimo celestial, ¡debido a la obra Triunfante y victoria de Cristo!

Paz,
Padre Kevin

El próximo domingo, Domingo de Ramos, les recordamos que traigan:

- 1) Sus tazas de café de Cuaresma para nuestras ofrendas de Cuaresma y
- 2) Palmas viejas del año pasado para quemarlas en el Fuego Pascual (cuyas cenizas se usarán para el Miércoles de Ceniza).

St. Mary

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stmaryspatrick@gmail.com

Book Club

April 7 at 6 p.m.

Stars Over Clear Lake

By Loretta Ellsworth

May 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Night Road

by Kristin Hannah

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

First Communion will be held April 27

*Please keep Jace Harms and Nora
Fistler in your prayers as they prepare
to receive the Eucharist.*

Coffee and Rolls

April 6

Everyone is welcome!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$890
Offertory	\$130
Social Concerns	\$250

March

Online	\$920
EFTs	\$1790

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Lector: Cindy Richtsmeier, Kay King

Ushers: Sam Mausser, Gary Bonewitz,

Jim Wessels, Mike Mausser

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet DeBerg,

Jessica Schipper

Money Counters: Cindy Richtsmeier, Jim Wessels

Altar Server: Alex Harms

Sacristan: Linda Sudtelgte

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Stations of the Cross followed by a
Lenten meal will be held on Fridays at 6
p.m. during Lent

Everyone is Welcome!

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be
held on Fridays at 4 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Faith Sharing Group

Wednesday mornings during Lent

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 am.

Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sacrifice, if it is to be real, must cost us, must hurt, must empty us of self. Let us think about the passion of Christ, his sufferings. The point of such meditation should lead us to change as we cooperate with God's grace in real sacrifices of self.

Thirsting for God daily meditations Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

1405 N. Federal, Hampton 641-456-4857
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
dbq097sec@dbqarch.org

Liturgical Ministries

April 13th, 2025 – Abril 13th, 2025

Mass—April 13th, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mary Ann Patton
Ushers: Sue Basye, Fil Flores
Eucharistic Ministers; Dean & Samantha Markwardt
Money Counters: Liz Carr, Linda Cassman
Altar Servers: Drew & Cameron Horton, Ruby Alonzo
Sacristan: April Schoning
Linens: Sue Basye

Spanish Mass—Abril 13th, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lector: Esther Garcia, Janeth Valenzuela
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Margarita Dominguez, Geovony Marquez
Contador es de Dinero: Ambar Lopez, Gabriela Gacia
Monaguillos: Ayleen Rodriguez, Elizabeth Manzo, Gabriel Diosdado
Sacristan: Brenda Diosdado
You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

Happenings Week of April 6th, 2025

Monday/ April 7th / Abril 7th

1:00 PM Say Your Name Grief Group – Library

Tuesday/ Martes April 8th / Abril 8th

8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles –April 9th / Abril 9th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)
6:30 PM – Faith Formation
6:30 PM– Communal Reconciliation -St. Patrick

Thursday/ Jueves – April 10th / Abril 10th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM Mass
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

Friday/ Viernes – April 11th / Abril 11th

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross- Via Crucis – Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo April 13th / Abril 13th

10:30 AM – Mass
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

Communal Reconciliation / Reconciliación Comunal



Wednesday April 9th
St. Patrick 6:30 PM
Miércoles 9 de abril
Día de San Patricio 6:30 PM



The RESULTS ARE IN!

See the insert in today's bulletin for more information regarding the survey results!

¡LOS RESULTADOS ESTÁN AQUÍ!

¡Vea el inserto en el boletín de hoy para obtener más información sobre los resultados de la encuesta!



ROLL BREAKFAST & SOCIAL - APRIL 6TH 10:30AM MASS & 5:30 PM MASS

JOIN US FOR A ROLL BREAKFAST AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS
AND FOR A SOCIAL AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS ON SUNDAY
APRIL 6TH /

¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA UN DESAYUNO DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
DE LAS 10:30 A.M. Y PARA UN SOCIAL DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE
LAS 5:30 P.M. EL DOMINGO 6 DE ABRIL!



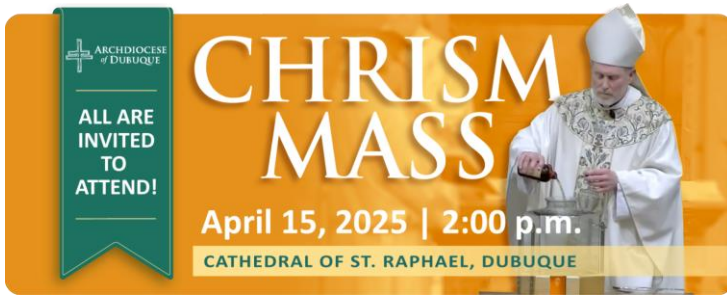
EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate for the purchase of Easter flowers, please contact the Parish Office or fill out the envelope provided at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY MARCH 30th, 2025

REGULAR	\$ 775.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 429.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 25.00
ON-LINE & EFT GIVING MARCH	\$ 3,545.00

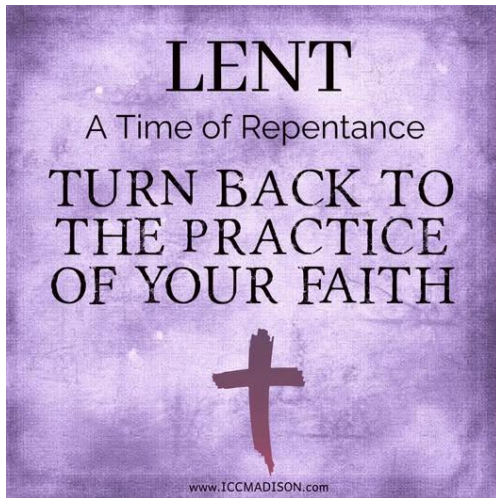
Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.



Communal Reconciliation

April 9 at 6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick

God forgives us and releases us from that which binds us to our sins, freeing us from our weaknesses with the strength of the Holy Spirit and defending us with the sign of the cross of Christ.



Pray for...



Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte
Janet Kurth

Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:
St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

St. Mary – St. Patrick

FLOWER BASKET SALE



\$22

Bridal Veil
Fuschia
Impatiens – hybrid
Impatiens – Sun
Geranium – Ivy
Geraniums – Crocodile
Geraniums – zonal
Lobelia
Million Bells
Petunia – super
Petunia – double
Spider – airplane
Strawflower
Trailing snapdragon
Wandering Jew
Mixed Basket
Fern

To place your order:
*Pick up a form at the back of church or at the parish office
* Call the parish office
641-847-2329
641-456-4857
Orders due April 30 –
delivery tentatively May 4-9

Profits go to fund NCYC and Mission Trips

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7	8:30 a.m.	Father Carl Schmitt	St. Mary
Tuesday, April 8	8:30 a.m.	Father Jim Dubert	St. Patrick
Wednesday, April 9	8:30 a.m.	Roberta Christiansen	St. Mary
Thursday, April 10	5:30 p.m.	Gerald Kelch	St. Patrick
Sunday, April 13	8:00 a.m.	Carol Keninger	St. Mary
	10:30 a.m.	Msgr. Dean Walsh	St. Patrick
	5:30 p.m.	For The People	St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass
www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream
YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic