



## Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

Apr. 13....James Louis Hyska

Apr. 06....Jim Shaw

### DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



### A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, April 13, 2025

On this Sunday the two gospels swing dramatically from one extreme to the other. In the first, Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds. People take off their cloaks to soften his way. It appears that his triumph is at hand and that his reign is about to begin. But he is not there to conquer the occupying Roman forces; he is there to conquer death. And to do so he will need to go through death, which brings us to the passion narrative we will hear later in the same mass. The path to Jesus' triumph is not a direct one, but he comes to conquer and rule not on human terms but in ways far beyond what we can imagine for ourselves.

In 1931, in his novel, *The Song at the Scaffold*, Gertrud Von Le Fort tells of a Carmelite community of nuns in Compiègne, France, who were executed in the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution.

During a moving scene, as the nuns are observing the "blasphemous mockeries of Eucharistic processions," one of the sisters refers to the Eucharist as "the defenseless God," describing how dependent God in the Eucharist is on human respect and faith, wholly vulnerable to human choice and action, whether that action is faith-filled and reverent or blasphemous and denigrating.

Divine vulnerability is the result of God's gift of free will. Humans have been opting to reject God in ways both overt and covert---- and we are allowed to do so at the behest of God's very self. Ours is a God who does not shield himself from buffets and spitting, does not grasp at divinity as an escape from (or punishment for) human weakness. Rather, he humbles himself and accepts all that humanity chooses to do to him. for him, and against him. The passion narrative is the beginning of the final chapter in the continuing story of God's choice to be vulnerable to sin---- indeed to take it upon himself so as to defeat it once and for all. Let us be in awe of this God!

### Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

12pm Spanish

**Please see calendar at  
stpatrickmtsterling.com  
for midweek masses.**

### Religious Ed:

Sundays 9-10:15am

### Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Marriage Prep:** Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

**Baptism:** by appointment

### **New or Returning to Our Parish?**

#### **Need to update info?**

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

### **DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?**

Keep in touch  
with our parish  
through text

Text SJSPSA to  
84576

OR go to this





**Pray the Rosary**  
Starting after Easter  
Wednesdays 4pm

See Mary Fran Kirouac for info

### Birthdays (Apr.13th-19th)

04/14...Elizabeth Ruiz  
04/19...Alexcis Reyna  
04/19...Sara Zink



### Bilingual Mass

**April 27th @11am**

### Potluck Reception after mass

featuring Meet & Greet with  
Sisters of the Little Way

### IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MIDWEEK MASSES!



The mid-week THURSDAY mass will be moving  
in both day and location **ONCE A MONTH.**  
They will be Wednesdays at 5pm at the chapel  
at St Joseph Mt Sterling Hospital

on the following dates:

**APRIL 16, MAY 21, JUNE 18**

We will still have a mass for Holy Thursday April 17th.

Please see the calendar at  
[www.stpatrickmtsterling.com](http://www.stpatrickmtsterling.com).

### ST PATRICK HOLY WEEK MASSES:

Wed. 4/16 5pm Mass at Hospital  
Thur. 4/17 6pm Holy Thursday Mass  
Fri. 4/18 6pm Good Friday Mass  
Sat. 4/19 8pm Easter Vigil  
Sun. 4/20 Easter 10:30am English &  
Noon Spanish



Holy Week Community Services at  
True Life Church of the Nazarene  
(119 Winn St.) at 12:05pm every day  
of Holy Week. Parking at the rear of  
the church and at the post clinic  
with golf carts shuttles weather  
permitting.



**Kiwanis**  
OF MT. STERLING, KY

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025**

**7 - 10 AM**

**MCHS CAFETERIA**



Kids 5 &  
under eat  
FREE!!



### **APRIL requests:**

**Cereal, canned fruit, ketchup,  
and canned soup.**

A box has been placed in back  
of church for collection.

“God afflicts us because he  
loves us; and it is very pleas-  
ing to him, when in our afflic-  
tions he sees us abandon our-  
selves to his paternal care.”

- Benedict Joseph Labre (1748-1783),
- Patron of the homeless
- Feast Day April 16

