



## *Celebrating Holy Week 2020: Blessed Sacrament Church–Buffalo*

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### **2020 Holy Week Introduction**

Holy Week is filled with so many symbols that remind us of Jesus' final journey through Lent. While we can't gather together in our church, we have planned a number of ways where we'll provide you and others in our neighborhood with visible signs of these symbols. We hope these elements will help each of us find a meaningful way to connect with God during these challenging times.

#### ***The Stable:***

- You're probably familiar with the wooden stable that is put up in front of the Rectory for Christmas. Well, we're bringing the stable back, but it will hold special Holy Week signs that are designed for each of the last days of Lent.

#### ***The Service:***

- Holy Week services will be held on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday: via teleconferencing.
- A Service will consist of Prayers and Spiritual Communion.
- The number to call for the Service is **716-214-3776**. It's easy....no pin numbers or codes needed....**just call 716-214-3776**.

#### ***The Outdoor Sign:***

- The message on the sign will change for every day during Holy Week.
- The sign will post the call-in number and time of each service.

#### ***The Vestibule of the Church:***

- The Vestibule, that part of our church between the main front doors and the inner doors (that open up to the Nave, the main part of the church), will be set up for a display pertinent to each day of Holy Week.
- We will also be playing music on a system so that sacred music supports the religious environment we're creating.

#### ***The Circular Drive:***

- We know we can't gather together, and that we must practice social distancing.
- However, we are inviting you, if you wish, to **DRIVE** into the Circular Drive (in front of church) and take a few minutes to say a few prayers, view the scene in the Vestibule...all the while **remaining in your car**.
- On **Holy Thursday** we will have an **Outdoor Exposition** located in the Vestibule.
- On **Easter Sunday** you will be able to **drive up** and receive an **Easter Blessing**.

#### ***So What Happens on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday?***

- Holy Week is typically marked by special liturgies and services on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.
- For Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday we will continue Blessed Sacrament's Food Collection on these three days as a way for all of us to be involved in a service project...one of our Corporal Works of Mercy – Feeding the Hungry.

***Details for each day of Holy Week follow.***



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### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 5



#### **The Service:**

- Prayer Service and Spiritual Communion will be held at 10:30 am by calling **716-214-3776**.
- The Church will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- **No palms will be distributed per Diocesan guidelines due to Covid-19.**

#### **The Vestibule of the Church:**

- You can pick up free missalettes, as well as copies of the *Word Among Us*, *Stations of the Cross*, and Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover the Saints*.
- You're welcome to take multiple copies of books so that the people in your household have copies to read from. **Given the Covid-19 virus, we strongly recommend that if you come to get any books, for everyone's safety, please wear gloves. We will have hand sanitizer available as well.**

Food Collection: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: April 6–8



#### **The Lenten Service Project: Corporal Work of Mercy – Feeding The Hungry**

- Please bring in non-perishable food items, especially canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, and tuna fish.
- Place food in Blue Bins.

#### **Locations for Donations:**

##### **The Vestibule of the Church:**

- Doors will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

##### **The Side Entrance (Porte-cochère) of Rectory:**

- Blue Bins will be placed at the side entrance of the Rectory.
- Bins will be out throughout the day for your convenience if you can't drop off donations at the Vestibule between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.



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**Holy Thursday: April 9**



***The Service:***

- Prayer Service and Spiritual Communion will be held at 7:00 pm by calling **716-214-3776**.
- The Church will be open from 7:30-9:30 pm.

***The Vestibule of the Church:***

- An Outdoor Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be set up in the Vestibule.
- The Vestibule will be open from 7:30-9:30 pm.

***The Circular Drive:***

- If you want to drop by the Outdoor Visitation, we recommend that you enter the Circular Drive and pull up in front of the Vestibule. Please remain in your car while you say some prayers, and then exit the driveway.

**Good Friday: : April 10**



***The Service:***

- Prayer Service and Spiritual Communion will be held at 3:00 pm by calling **716-214-3776**.
- The Church will be open from 12:00-3:00 pm.

***The Vestibule of the Church:***

- Symbols of Christ's Crucifixion will be placed in the Vestibule.
- The Vestibule will be open from 12:00-3:00 pm.

***The Circular Drive:***

- If you want to visit the Vestibule display, we recommend that you enter the Circular Drive and pull up in front of the Vestibule. Please remain in your car while you say some prayers, and then exit the driveway.



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Holy Saturday: April 11

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***The Service:***

- Prayer Service and Spiritual Communion will be held at 8:00 pm by calling **716-214-3776**.
- The Church will be open from 8:30-10:30 pm.

***The Vestibule of the Church:***

- Symbols of our Baptism and the Light of Christ (Water and Fire) will be in the Vestibule.
- The Vestibule will be open from 8:30-10:30 pm.

***The Circular Drive:***

- Luminaria will be placed in the Circular Drive.
- If you want to visit, we recommend that you enter the Circular Drive, pull up in front of the Vestibule. Please remain in your car while you say some prayers, and then exit the driveway.

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection: April 12



***The Service:***

- Prayer Service and Spiritual Communion will be held at 10:30 am by calling **716-214-3776**.
- The Church will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

***The Vestibule of the Church:***

- Symbols of Christ's Resurrection will be set up in the Vestibule.
- The Vestibule will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

***The Circular Drive:***

- An **Easter Blessing** will be given between 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- If you wish to receive the Easter Blessing, we recommend that you enter the Circular Drive, pull up in front of the Vestibule, and **remain in your car for the Blessing**.

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**May the Love of our Risen Lord bless you and your family!**

