

From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to fathom that Easter Sunday is fast approaching as we celebrate Palm Sunday THIS Sunday April 10. Hope everyone's Lent has gone according to plan as we are in the last stretch of our preparation with Holy Week upon us.

Please note:

Bishop Tylka announced a couple of weeks ago that he would be reinstating the obligation to attend Mass this Sunday (Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.) Very soon, all five dioceses in the State of Illinois will have made this announcement. There has always been a caveat about the Sunday obligation, which is that if one is sick, the weather is terrible, or a person is contagious they should not attend. Some caregivers, may be dispensed. Another situation that releases someone from the Sunday obligation is if a person is traveling and there is not a church readily available.

There has not been a lot of publicity about the return of the obligation. I ask that you inform friends and relatives of this news. Sunday Eucharist is a necessity if we are going to maintain a healthy church community.

The schedule for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday is the normal Mass times.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm Thursday April 14 at MOLOP

Good Friday 12:00 Stations of the Cross (outside weather permitting) Friday April 15 at SMG;  
3:00pm Good Friday Service MOLOP

Holy Saturday April 16 THE EASTER VIGIL 7:30 at SMG. Please note, there is NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Mass on that day

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 is the normal Mass schedule.

Have a Blessed Easter.

Fr. Tony