

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

April 8, 2022

It is hard to fathom that Easter Sunday is fast approaching as we celebrate Palm Sunday THIS Sunday, April 10th. 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 Sunday obligation, which is if one is sick, the weather is terrible, or a person is contagious they should not attend Mass. Some caregivers may also be dispensed. Another situation that releases someone from the Sunday obligation is if a person is travelling 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 is:

Palm Sunday: Normal Mass times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Maria Goretti (SMG) and 5:30 p.m. Mary Our Lady of Peace (MOLOP)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. MOLOP and 10:00 a.m. SMG

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14th at MOLOP.

Good Friday: 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross (outside weather permitting) Friday April 15th at SMG and 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service MOLOP.

Holy Saturday April 16th Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m. at SMG.

Please note there is NO 4:00 p.m. at SMG or 5:30 p.m. Mass at MOLOP on this day.

Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass MOLOP and 10:00 a.m. Mass at SMG

Have a Blessed Easter.

Father Tony