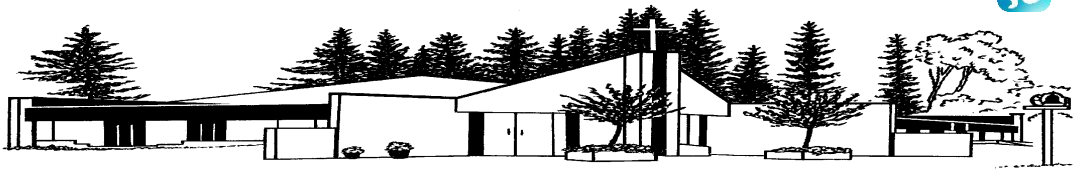


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# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**PALM SUNDAY** ..... **April 13, 2025**

**Sat., April 12**, Mass for April Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ.. **6:30 pm**

**Sunday, April 13**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

**Tuesday, April 15**, Mass for the Soul of Barbara Vine, rb Robert Vine ..... **8:45 am**

**Holy Thursday, April 17**, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper..... **7:00 pm**

**Masses at St. Matthew Parish:**

Wednesdays 8:30 & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

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## Ministry Schedule, April 17, 18, 20, 2025

MINISTRY	THURSDAY 7:00 PM	FRIDAY 12:10 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM
<b>Plate Minister</b>	Jack Lavin	Paul Heath	Kathy Shanahan Jody Schweigert
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Anita Lavin		Howie Ficek
	Jovita K./Neil H.		
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Shanahan	Vicki Walbruch	Pati Heath
	Jack Fallon	Dixon Rice	Paul Heath
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	Don Zimmerman	Rick Nease
<b>Greeter</b>	L. Brandon/C. Hutchens	Tom & Terrie Alger	M. Cahill/F. Tobiason

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

To be sure your announcement is in the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursday.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April	13	<b>PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	
	15	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	16	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b> .....	
	17	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> .....	7:00 pm
	18	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> .....	12:10 pm
		Good Friday collection for the Holy Land	
		Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.....	12:10 pm
	19	NO 6:30 pm Mass at Risen Christ	
		Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Parish.....	9:00 pm
	20	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
		Easter Music.....	8:30 am
		Mass of the Resurrection.....	9:00 am
		Easter Egg Hunt.....	after Mass
	22	<b>No Choir</b> .....	
	23	Religious Education.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment  
Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### **Holy Thursday, April 17**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **Risen Christ Parish** ..... 7:00pm

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **Risen Christ** ..... 12:10pm

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **St. Matthew's Parish** ..... 7:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday Morning Confessions, Risen Christ, 9:00 – 10:30 am**

**There will be NO afternoon Confessions**

#### **Easter Vigil Liturgy, Saturday, April 19**

NO 4:30 pm Mass

Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Parish..... 9:00pm

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew ..... 7:00 am

Easter Music Risen Christ..... 8:30 am

Mass of the Resurrection at Risen Christ ..... 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at Risen Christ ..... after 9:00 am Mass

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew ..... 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at St. Matthew..... after 11:00 am Mass



**Please bring your Rice Bowls** to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17th, 7:00 pm

### OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.

April 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6th, 2025	Sunday	8,614
	Easter	100
	Building	165
	Rice Bowl	25
	Total	\$ 8,904

### HELPING HANDS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

It's time to give some prayerful thought to prepare the church for Easter.

For Holy Thursday: Thurs, April 17 9:30am

For Good Friday: Fri, April 18 @ 9am

For Easter Sunday: Sat, April 19 @ 10:30 am

### HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING AND THE "ELECT"

On Holy Thursday the "**elect**", those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, will hear the story of the Last Supper, share in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and recall the institution of the Eucharist.

The Lord Jesus washed the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper as a sign of the new commandment that Christians should love one another: "Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciples: by your love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

We will imitate the Lord through the ritual enactment of the new commandment as 12 of the "**elect**" from Risen Christ and St. Matthew come forward in humble service. Within our two communities this year, we will welcome 40+ "**elect**" and "candidates" (those already baptized), and 25 children to our faith families. Please welcome them with grace and hospitality.



REFLECTION: Venerable Archbishop Sheen shares: "The human heart is not shaped like a valentine heart, perfect and regular in contour; it is slightly irregular in shape, as if a small piece of it were missing out of its side. The missing part may very well symbolize a piece that a spear tore out of the universal heart of humanity on the Cross,



but it probably symbolizes something more. It may very well mean that when God created each human heart, he kept a small sample of it in heaven, and sent the rest of it into the world, where it would each day learn the lesson that it could never be really happy, that it could never be really wholly in love, that it could never be really wholehearted until it rested with the Risen Christ in an eternal Easter."

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025**

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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**Karel & David & Terry Barrett, requested by Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack  
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan  
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero**

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff  
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt**

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace, Mike Hanson  
Eileen Kluesner, Stacey Neary, Maureen Neitzling  
Amy Neitzling, Mike & Linda O'Neil  
Mary Reckin, Joe Riska, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan**

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

**Deacon Dillon Armstrong  
Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney  
Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell  
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ RICE BOWL ~Called To Share Bread For Life**

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](https://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

## READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 20, 2025

**Acts 10:34a; 37-43**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**John 20:1-9**

### **PRACTICE OF HOPE**

For the fifty days of the Easter season, we celebrate our resurrection faith with joy and gladness. During this time, the newly baptized reflect on the Easter mysteries, recall the Easter symbols, and spiritually unpack the joy of the Easter Vigil. All Christians are invited into this process of recall and reflection, called mystagogy.

✿ Keep the fifty days of Easter alive in your home by adorning your prayer space with a white cloth, a new candle, and fresh flowers.

✿ Place the names of the newly baptized from your faith community near your kitchen sink so that you will remember to pray for them daily.

✿ Bread has long been a symbol of Easter. Prepare Easter bread for your home as well as some to share with your neighbors. Wrap the bread and enclose a note that proclaims your resurrection hope in the risen Christ.

*At Home with the Word 2025*

### **FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY**

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 406-250-8610. She will be happy to send a card.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. **Jovita Kottraba**, 406-232-8461, **Jamie Miller**, 406-955-8226  
**Ken Barrett**, 406-755-0269, **Judy Stack**, 406-752-4411, **Rose Hall**, 406-885-0544

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

Finance Council members are **Christopher Gill**,  
**John Gunnerson**, **Wally Walbruch**, **Ken Barrett**.

### **RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP**

We now have scapulars, holy water fonts, rosaries, children's bracelets and much more. Stop by anytime to check out our gift shop! Please see **Connie McCubbins** or **Andrea Wright** before or after the weekend Masses.

If you need to make a purchase during the week,  
please stop in the parish office.

***We have many items available for year-round giving!***



### **RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE**

Call **Helen Tobiason**, 406-212-0063 or **Sherry Miller**, 406-609-9057 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call.

### HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death.

It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Sacraments, Eucharist, and Holy Priesthood while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' redemptive death on the cross. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection.

An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.



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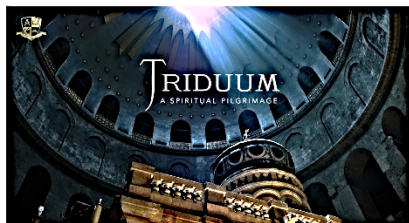


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# This Week on Formed

Week of April 13, 2025



## Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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## The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

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## How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org), click on register now to create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you will have access to FORMED-provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

~Fr Stan



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61st Annual

St. Matthew's Athletic Association

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Friday, May 9, 2025 ♦ St. Matthews School

7:00 p.m. Sharp

Dinner 8:00 p.m.

\$100.00

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**ST. GABRIEL RADIO**

The Board of Directors at Knight's Radio is pleased to announce that Saint Gabriel Radio will soon be on the air. Because of the generous donations received from parishioners and non-parishioners, we have exceeded our initial fundraising goals and have purchased all the equipment needed. Saint Gabriel Radio's mission is to spread the Good News of the Gospel to every person in the valley in order to help save souls. We are planning to be transmitting on 107.1 FM using the call sign KOFC-LP by Easter Sunday. More information will be forthcoming. We look forward to serving each of you, helping you and your families grow in your faith. Please pray for this ministry's success. Mike McNamara, President, Knight's Radio

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Please Help!**

Please consider your offering to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Risen Christ is currently at 65% with 28% participation. **No gift is too small.**

You can mail your envelope to the Diocese, drop it in the collection basket, or make your donation on-line on the Diocesan website.



*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday ~ Luke 19:28-40*

We are entering the most important week of our liturgical year: the holiest of weeks! It is helpful to reflect on the week as a whole. I like to think of it as a drama in three acts. Act one: the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem; act two: the Last Supper; and act three: the death and resurrection of Jesus. To know why this all fits together, we need to reflect on what is the primary message of each act.

Act one: Jesus enters Jerusalem. All through the gospels we witness the growing popularity of Jesus. He began what is called his public life as an unknown, a skilled carpenter from the small hamlet in northern Palestine. Once he was on the road, his message seemed appreciated. As we say, "he went about doing good." He spoke of a loving and forgiving God. He showed God's love by the assistance he gave others in need. He corrected those who appeared to misunderstand him. His love for others was boundless and inclusive of all. His reputation spread throughout the land. Eventually he headed for the center of Jewish life back then, the city of Jerusalem. He intentionally went there. That's an important point. He was not forced. And he likely knew what awaited him. He was greeted as a very important person. Did he come to restore greatness and hope to the people? Many thought so. They placed palm branches before him, a sign of respect.

Act two: The Last Supper. Two features of this remarkable meal are worth our attention. First, Jesus washes the feet of those in attendance, an act usually done by servants of the host. But in this case, Jesus (the host) reverses roles and performs this act of humility and hospitality himself. Typically, the feet of travellers collected the dirt and whatever else was scattered along the road. In other words, washing those feet was messy and unpleasant. But Jesus wanted to do this as an expression of his relationship to those with whom he shared the meal. They complained of course, but he ignored them. He came to serve not to be served. And he invited them to do the same for others, especially if they were of higher social standing. Next, as he broke bread and poured wine, he said that they were fully consuming him, his body and his blood. In other words, his whole self was gift to them. The deepest of unions imaginable. And he also directed them to do the same.

Act three: His suffering and death. No words can adequately describe the depth of meaning for his (seemingly) last moments on Earth. He was arrested, put through a mock trial, experienced complete humiliation and suffered at the hands of soldiers. They nailed him to a cross where he hung in agony for hours before his body succumbed to the brutal torture and breathed its last. And he did all of this for us!!

David M. Thomas, PhD

## Experience Italy With Fellow Catholics!!!

Parishioners, Shannon and Lon Smith, are offering a trip to Italy for St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Parishes. This will be a private sightseeing excursion to Rome, Assisi, Venice and Florence. There will also be elements of a pilgrimage for those families/individuals who decide to take advantage of the opportunities provided. The trip will be offered **Spring Break (March) 2026**.

The tour will be hosted by Explorica Tour Company that has been offering trips around the globe for 25 years. They provide reasonably priced travel and insurance for these types of experiences. The company also supplies a tour guide that travels with the group 24/7. Safety is Explorica's first concern when developing their travel plans.

Shannon and Lon Smith have extensive expertise as group leaders for this type of travel. They have a combined 13 years of experience and have guided over 16 trips. As group leaders we will promote travel that is focused on Catholic values and emphasize the unique Catholic encounters that can be experienced when visiting Italy.

If you are interested in this travel opportunity, please email or call. The purpose of this announcement is to gauge interest. We will have an official travel meeting in the near future. All are welcome to come along, families, students, anyone looking for adventure.

Thank you for considering traveling with us!

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Lon Smith [lonsmith62@gmail.com](mailto:lonsmith62@gmail.com) (303)868-9364

**\*\*\*\*\*OUR FIRST TRAVEL MEETING IS THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AT 7:00PM IN THE BASEMENT OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH(DORAN CENTER). SEE YOU THERE!!**

BEST WISHES TO YOU ON  
PALM SUNDAY.  
MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED  
WITH NEW HOPES AND YOUR  
SOUL WITH HAPPINESS.

