



Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the last week of Lent—that of Holy Week—we are challenged, as we recall all that Christ suffered for us, first, to allow ourselves to be touched by his love and, then, in turn, to share this love with our brothers and sisters. While we have examined our relationship with God and recognized where we need to repent of sin and grow into a greater love for God and our neighbor during Lent, Holy Week is especially a time to focus on God's relationship with us. It is a time to once again realize the infinite love of God for us: the Son of God suffered and died for us out of love for us. We need to be captured and captivated by this love of God as we contemplate Christ's Passion and death during this Holy Week.

I hope that all of you will consider coming to the special Masses and services that are celebrated during the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday (the schedule can be found in the bulletin this week or refer to the insert that was in last week's bulletin). It is in participating in these that we can be touched by the love of Christ. While, yes, we are only obliged to attend Mass at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday in order to reflect upon and to show our appreciation and love for what Jesus has done for us by his dying on the cross and rising from the dead, all the more so is this realized by our being present at Mass on Holy Thursday evening and at the Good Friday service. So, all the more that we draw close to Jesus during the liturgies of Holy Week will we be able to experience His love and then be able to share this love with others.

On another note, mark your calendars now for the dedication and blessing of the new religious education building, which will take place on August 31. Archbishop Lucas will be here to celebrate the 9:00 A.M. Mass and will bless the RE center after the Mass. Also, once the construction is finally complete (sometime within the next few weeks), we will have a couple of weekends where after the Masses there will be the opportunity to walk through and see the building to get a sneak preview of it. So, watch the bulletin for an announcement regarding this opportunity.

Have a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week. See you in Church.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

### **POTENTIAL LAWN MOWERS**

Please note the schedule for mowing and sign up. Take a turn and no family should have to do it more than once. It is preferred you mow on Thursday, Friday or Saturday so it looks nice for the weekend masses.



**April 13, 2014**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

"Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass." Matthew 21:15