



## UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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**Our Mission Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim we are God's people under the banner of The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice. Through our words and actions, the Good News of Christ Jesus is announced here at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: students, staff, faculty, alumni, and local community members. As God's people on a spiritual journey, we are committed to lifelong learning, integrating faith with arts, science and technology. In addition, we endeavor to manifest justice and charity called for by our faith to make real the presence of a loving Christ, here and wherever we find ourselves.

**Our Vision Statement:** The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice – Responding to God's love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

**Parish Membership:** Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Deacon Joe.

**Location of C+CC:** 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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**When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!**

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### Readings for the Week:

(5 April: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD) Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26: 14-27:66 or 27:11-54. (Monday) Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11. (Tuesday) Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38. (Wednesday) Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25. (Thursday) Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15. (GOOD FRIDAY) Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42. (HOLY SATURDAY) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11. (12 April: EASTER SUNDAY) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b—8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10.



+of fasting and FEASTING

Our Lenten journey has been very strange these days since we are prevented from gathering at Eucharist to 'remember, celebrate and believe'. We, the Parish of Christ Sun of Justice at the C+CC, are Church and gathering as community, in community, is an essential dimension of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

For many among us the FASTING from gathering as Church is a real hardship. Not only is our routine of the weekend disrupted, but the fruitfulness of that shared time is a real

deprivation. We need each other to fill up what is wanting in us individually.

Many of us pray daily and have a personal relationship with God. For some among us the 'practice of the presence of God' or ongoing conversation with our 'ever-present-companion' Jesus is just part of daily life.

But, we are social beings and know that by ourselves we are not whole. We need others, and need *each other*, as faith companions, to live more wholly/holy our relationship with God.

We profess God as Trinity. In the Creed, we name God as Father/Creator, Son/Jesus, the Christ, our brother/Savior, and Holy Spirit/Sanctifier/Fire of Life and Love.

Trinity is *relationship* and Jesus came among us to show us what that looks and feels like. He gathered with his followers and called the many to be in communion. Think of the feeding of the 5000 (Matt. 15:32-39). Jesus

knew feeding the Spirit also demanded nurturing the body and sharing a meal. Today we know Liturgy of Word and Eucharist and are fed with both food for soul and body in that great Eucharistic Feast we call Mass.

This weekend we would start the culmination of our Lenten days with Palm Sunday's celebrative procession. BUT, there will be no palms in our hands this year! However, hopefully there will still be deep remembrance

of Jesus' kingly ride and palms waved by the people of his day.

Holy Thursday will replay Jesus' Last Supper Feast with friends and his giving us the FEAST--Eucharist.

Sorrowfully this year, there is no meal together—students, RCIA candidates, families and all. There will be no washing of feet or breaking and eating the Bread of Life and sharing the Wine of Salvation.

On this Good Friday, the agony in the garden and Jesus' passion and death, recounted in the scripture, will not be acted out in our traditional veneration of the cross and stripping the sanctuary of all beauty. We will not be

present to each other physically, but hopefully we will be present as Church when in mind, heart and memory we pray with the people of God and the agony of the pandemic that prevails and disrupts this Holy Week.

Fasting is our lot; FEASTING is our choice. May Holy Week be richly lived this year as we, members of the Parish of Christ Sun of Justice at the C+CC, together in spirit, do 'remember, celebrate and believe!

Chris Partisano CSJ

The liturgies of the Sacred Triduum will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with Bishop Scharfenberger presiding. The livestream will be available on the diocesan website: [www.rcda.org/livestream](http://www.rcda.org/livestream) and on the [diocesan Facebook page](#). The schedule of liturgies is as follows:




Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m.  
Palm Sunday Mass, Bishop presiding

Holy Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Bishop presiding

Good Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.  
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, Bishop presiding

Holy Saturday, April 11, 8 p.m.  
Solemn Vigil of Easter, Bishop presiding

Easter Sunday, April 12, 11 a.m.  
Easter Mass, Father David R. LeFort, rector of the cathedral, presiding

 Until we can come together as a community of faith and celebrate the Mass, let us join in prayer, each of us from our homes, for our country, our state, our area, our parish and all of our parishioners.

#### Remember Your Offerings

As we go through this period of time, with all of our Masses and parish activities being cancelled, please remember that our day-to-day operations and expenses continue – they are: heat, lights, phone, etc. We ask our parishioners, that if you are able, to please continue to use their weekly Sunday offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice to:

Christ Sun of Justice Parish  
10 Tom Phelan Place  
Troy, NY 12180

You can also make an online donation by visiting

<https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back> and in the additional comments section, write "Mass donation".



Would you or someone you know, like a friendly phone call from someone from CSJ Parish? Just contact Kathy Spain at [sausse@verizon.net](mailto:sausse@verizon.net) or Diane Waters at [waterd3@rpi.edu](mailto:waterd3@rpi.edu) and we can arrange a phone visit!

*The Diocese of Albany has compiled an abundance of information for people who want faith at home resources: Please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources>*

*This webpage has access to:*

*Online and TV listings for live Masses, Daily Scripture Readings, Saint of the Day, Daily Mass with Pope Francis, and Simple Suggestions for Prayer During Time of Anxiety*



Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:

[https://ltp.org/loh?utm\\_source=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+at+Home&utm\\_campaign=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+for+3%2F22%2F20&utm\\_medium=email](https://ltp.org/loh?utm_source=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+at+Home&utm_campaign=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+for+3%2F22%2F20&utm_medium=email).



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