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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am-4:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

Cindy Duesing, Director
 (ASL Interpreted)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 12:05 pm

PARISH SCHOOL

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625 Pike Street, Covington, KY – 859.431.5153

Please call the Parish Office (859.291.2288) to Register, to inform us of changes in your contact information, to let us know how our parish can serve you, or to inquire about volunteering in the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants:

Contact
 Ellen Habermehl
 (M, TU, F)

Reconciliation:

Tuesday at 11:00 am
 Saturday at 11:00 am
 in Church

Marriages:

Contact Ellen Habermehl
 at least 9 to 12 months prior
 to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communion
 and other home visits:
 Contact Parish Office

Sacraments of Initiation:

For Adults:
 Baptism, Confirmation,
 and First Communion:
 Contact Parish Office

For Children:
 Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist,
 and Confirmation:
 Contact Parish Office

MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
PURPOSE STATEMENT

We, the people of Mother of God Church, aspire to be instruments of the peace of Jesus Christ by:

- Worshipping God with joy and reverence
- Welcoming the stranger with love and compassion
- Serving those in need with humility and respect.



FROM THE PASTOR

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Today, we begin the most sacred and holy time in the Church's year – Holy Week, during which we reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. The liturgies of this week are intended to plunge us into the saving events through which Jesus defeated sin and death and won for us Eternal Life.

Palm/Passion Sunday begins outside (weather permitting) with the Blessing of Palms. This recalls the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem by Christ and His Apostles. Riding on the back of a donkey, Jesus is greeted by hundreds of His followers, who proclaim Him to be the Son of David, the Messiah. After processing in to church carrying our blessed palms, we have the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Saint Matthew.

The **Chrism Mass**, the Diocesan Mass to which all parishes are invited to attend, happens on **Tuesday of Holy Week**, at the Cathedral, at 7:00 pm. At that Mass, Bishop Iffert will bless the Sacred Oils (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Infirm, and the Sacred Chrism) that are used throughout the year. At the end of the liturgy, there will be a procession of parishes, during which the oils will be distributed. The Bishop will also lead the priests in their annual renewal of their priestly promises.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, recalling the Institution of the Eucharist, and the Washing of the Feet of the Apostles. That Mass will begin at 7:30 pm. It concludes with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, an hour of adoration, and then the Eucharist is removed from the church. There will be a Holy Thursday dinner at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

On **Good Friday**, we celebrate the Passion of the Lord. No Mass can be celebrated on Good Friday, but Communion will be distributed at the service. The priests and ministers enter in silence. Then, we read the Passion from the Gospel of Saint John. There are a long series of intercessions done by the priest and deacon. This is followed by the Veneration of the Cross. We then celebrate Communion, followed by a silent, solemn recession.

Saturday is known as **Holy Saturday**. It continues our honoring of the death of Jesus. At sundown, we begin the Easter Vigil, the most solemn Mass of the Church year. The Jews counted their days from sundown to sundown, so liturgically we do the same. We have the Liturgy of Light with the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Paschal Candle, the procession with candles, and the singing of the Exultet. After the Liturgy of the Word, we have the Liturgy of Initiation. This year, at Mother of God Church, we have a fairly large group of people who will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Eucharist. All of us will renew our Baptismal Promises at this Mass. Then we continue with the Mass.

Finally, there is **Easter Sunday**. Actually, it feels a little anticlimactic after all that has come before. The only special aspect of this morning's Mass is the Renewal of Baptism Promises.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus Himself asked for this date to be set aside as Divine Mercy Sunday as part of His revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska, which she has revealed in her Diary of Divine Mercy. He also gave to her a Novena to Divine Mercy that was to be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena begins on Good Friday. You can pray the Novena at any time.

Early in the Twentieth Century, Jesus began appearing to Sister Faustina, revealing Himself in the image of Divine Mercy, and speaking of the mercy that He wished to pour out upon sinners, inviting them to trust in His mercy and to return to Him with all their hearts.

You can find the Novena at www.thedivinemercy.org. It will explain what you need to do and give you the text of the Novena to be prayed each day.

JEWISH PASSOVER BEGINS

The celebration of the Jewish Passover begins this Wednesday, April 1. It runs for eight days, as the Jewish people reflect on the saving events through which God rescued them from slavery in Egypt, and led them for forty years in the desert.

Please pray for the peace of Israel during this Passover, as it takes place in the midst of the war with Iran.

PRAY FOR PEACE

As we are all aware, the United States and Israel have entered into war with Iran, in order to shut down Iran's nuclear program. The war is creating great upheaval in availability of oil throughout the world, creating chaos in world economies. It is also resulting in deaths in Iran and Israel, and the surrounding countries, as well as members of the American military.

This week, we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. May our celebrations lead to genuine peace in the Middle East, in our hearts, and throughout the world.



Coffee and donuts are available for you today downstairs in the undercroft after both Masses.

Reminder: Coffee and donuts will **Not** be available next Sunday, Easter Sunday, after the Masses.

LIFE IS COLORFUL WITH JESUS!

Have you ever wondered why jellybeans are so many colors? Today, Sunday, March 29, you can pick up a kit in the back of church by the pieta statue to learn why. The kit will contain a prayer, materials to make a cross and a small coloring book that will help you and your child have fun while learning their significance. **Please Remember – Since today is Palm Sunday,** we will leave church in silence. Announcements will **not** be made at the end of Mass. Just stop by as you leave and pick up a kit. Then quietly exit the church.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Today, Sunday, March 29, begins the most sacred time in the Church's year – Holy Week.

Schedule for Holy Week

- Sunday, March 29 **Passion / Palm Sunday**
9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass
- Tuesday, March 31 **Chrism Mass (at the Cathedral)**
7:00 pm Mass
- Thursday, April 2 **Holy Thursday**
5:30 pm Dinner in undercroft
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Friday, April 3 **Good Friday**
12:00 pm The Passion of the Lord
Immediately after – Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, April 4 **Holy Saturday**
8:30 pm The Easter Vigil
- Sunday, April 5 **Easter Sunday**
9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER – APRIL 2, 5:30 PM

We invite you to share a simple meal as a parish community on Thursday, April 2, prior to the Holy Thursday Liturgy. We will gather for dinner downstairs in the undercroft at 5:30 pm. Mass will follow at 7:30 pm.

There will be no charge for the meal; however, freewill offerings will be most appreciated. Please be generous if you can.



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2026 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND PLACES - Friday, April 3

The Church's annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken up at the request of Pope Leo for the Holy Land. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic.

In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

This week, at the Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service here at Mother of God Church, you will find baskets available for your contributions for this Collection as you come forward to venerate the relic of the true Cross. Please be generous.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Immediately following the Passion of the Lord Service at Noon on **Good Friday, April 3**, please join Deacon Brian Cox, who will lead the Stations of the Cross.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group here at Mother of God is for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives. Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the **St. Aloysius Conference Room at the parish office.**

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,
please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

VIRTUS

A big Thank-You to all of the Mother of God Volunteers who stay current on their Virtus training bulletins. If you would like to volunteer and need to become VIRTUS Trained, please email Mary Ann Kelly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, call or email Mary Ann at any time. She can be reached by phone at 859-291-2288, ext. 16, or send an email to her at mkelly@mogcov.org.

On Sunday, April 12 – Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale between the Masses in the undercroft.

Save the date! On Sunday, April 19, to continue the celebration of the Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be showing the movie “Francesco.” We will show the movie in the Undercroft at 3:00 pm.

AL-ANON has their Wednesday Noon Meetings at Mother of God Church. Enter through the courtyard and go down the steps to the undercroft of the church. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicted ones. Please come, for you are welcome.

Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund

In your kindness, please consider making bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.



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to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

Notice: If you are giving online or through a bank draft to our church and are still receiving budget envelopes, please let us know if you wish to cancel receiving budget envelopes.

Sunday Collection	March 22, 2026
Total Collection	TBD

Subsplash Online Giving

If you are currently giving a recurring gift online through FaithStreet, please log in and cancel it before setting up your Subsplash gift. For more information, go to “Giving” at <https://mother-of-god.org> or send an email to communications@mogcov.org.

MOTHER OF GOD SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior Group decided to share established overnight and day trips that have already been organized. On the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps leading to the undercroft is the **Golden Age Travel Schedule for 2026**. It includes overnight and day trips.

If there are no notices left on the board, please notify Carol Fausz at 859-409-3730 and she will get a copy to you.

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Contribution envelopes are available in the pews if you wish to make a donation for flowers for our Easter liturgies in memory or honor of a loved one.

Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISM MASS – Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

The Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington, invites all the faithful of the diocese: priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and laity, to join him for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available prior to Holy Mass beginning at 6:00 pm.

RELIEF IN ACTION**Fundraiser for Kentucky Refugee Ministries**

Saturday, April 11 at the Carnegie

Across from our west parking lot in the alley is Kentucky Refugee Ministries. This is the agency that helps to resettle refugees. Refugee resettlement funds were discontinued in January of 2025 and funds for existing Centers were cut. Our NKY Center serves over 800 of these refugees. On Saturday, April 11, at the Carnegie, 1028 Scott Street, Covington, a fundraiser, Relief in Action, will be held to help continue this ministry.

- **The Market opens at 5:30 pm** with a community raffle featuring unique items, a curated vendor market highlighting vendors of diverse backgrounds and an ethnic food truck in the parking lot.
- **The Showcase of Performances begins at 7:30 pm** and will include performances by Kentucky Refugee Ministries clients and other artists that show the diversity of our region.

Your presence reinforces to our refugee and immigrant clients how much our NKY community supports and cares for them. Several of our Mother of God parishioners are already volunteers with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, and you are welcome to join. If you are interested, email Mini Masih at MMasih@kyrm.org.

Lord, let everything I do in the coming Holy Week be inspired by You. Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies You in some way. It's so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day of my life. Help me to enter fully into Your Passion through my Lenten promises and always be reminded that You went to the Desert, the Garden, and the Cross for me. Amen.

Taken from DSHA Prayer Book, Vol. II

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

The Resurrection of the Lord

The Mass of Easter Day

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Colossians 3:1-4 Or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Sequence – Victimæ paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

John 20:1-9 Or Matthew 28:1-10



Please join us on Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am for **Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also available at this time.

Mass Intentions

Mar. 29	9:30 am	Cecelia Lux
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Mar. 30	12:05 pm	Jerry Boling
Mar. 31	12:05 pm	Patty Elben
Apr. 1		No Mass

Holy Thursday

Apr. 2	7:30 pm	Rick Hampton
Apr. 3	12:00 pm	Good Friday –

Passion of the Lord

Following immediately –

Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Apr. 4	8:30 pm	Dan Mayer
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Apr. 5	9:30 am	Recorded Memorials
	11:30 am	Joseph and Barbara Schulte

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Lauri Boggs ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ D.B. ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ G.S. ♦ Ruthie ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Anna F. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Renee Seward ♦ Meg Anne O'Brien ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Meg H. ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Teresa Bowman ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦ Joyce Hamberg ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Dorothy Willett ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick Bronner ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Susan ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Mary Ruth ♦

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