

Priestly Pigments: The Symbolism of Liturgical Colors

Colors talk of life. As an integral part of life, colors provide a visual language of the Church's liturgical symbolism. The changing colors of liturgical vestments in the Latin Church carry specific meaning that aligns with liturgical seasons, classes of feasts, and particular events. Can you interpret that language?

Violet, dark and somber, reflects the quiet hue of winter and the emotional restraint of self-reflection. As the color worn during the seasons of Advent and Lent, violet tells us that the Church is penitential in preparation for a great feast. It also may be used for funerals.

Green evokes a sense of springtime growth and newness following the darker hues of winter. The most used color, green is worn during Ordinary Time. This occurs between the Christmas Season and Lent, and then again between Pentecost and Advent.

White, a symbol of light, represents innocence, purity, joy and glory. It is worn during the Christmas and Easter seasons, for feasts of Our Lord and Our Lady, some major solemnities, and the feast of any saint who was not a martyr. White also may be worn for funerals.

Red represents fire and blood, evoking the Fire of the Holy Spirit, burning charity, and the martyrs' sacrifice. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost are the major days for its use. It is also worn for celebrations of the Lord's Passion and feasts of Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs.

Optional vestment colors are Black, Rose, Silver, Gold, and Blue. **Black** evokes deep sadness and sorrow. It may be worn in Masses for the Dead, such as funerals or Mass on All Souls Day. **Rose** may be worn only on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and the 4th Sunday of Lent. The lightening of color from violet to rose represents a temporary lessening of the penitential character of the season. This is to remind everyone that the time of penance will soon be over. Because it is an optional color—and is often mistaken for pink—some priests just wear purple on these days. **Silver** and **Gold**

are festive options that can be substituted for the assigned liturgical color on solemn feasts. Often one will see them used on Christmas, Easter, and other major feasts. **Blue** is not among the colors identified by liturgical norms, but it has use by way of custom. Either as a solid color or mixed with white, gold or silver, a blue vestment has widespread use for feasts of the Virgin Mary.

These are the practices of the Latin Catholic Church. Eastern Catholic Churches vary widely in their use of liturgical colors, and you should inquire with your pastor regarding the traditions of your Church. Regardless of which Church you belong to, pay attention to the color of the vestments. If you are not sure why the priest is wearing a particular color, ask him. This is a great way to learn the language of liturgical colors and more fully understand the Church's rhythm of prayer.



* HARRISON COUNTY * CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale



St. Matthias
Freeport



St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz

APRIL 19, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOR OUR VISITORS



RESTROOM FACILITIES

FREEPORT ST. MATTHIAS - The restrooms in St. Matthias are located off of the gathering room behind the worship area.

CADIZ - ST. TERESA - There are no restrooms in the church itself. Restrooms are located in the Activity Center which is the building right next to the church at the back of the parking lot.

HOPEDALE - SACRED HEART - The restrooms are located in the basement of the church but you have to go outside and down to the front of the church to access the basement and restroom facilities.

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

SUN - Acts 2:14, 22-33, Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

MON - Acts 6:8-15, Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, John 6:22-29

TUE - Acts 7:51-8:1a, Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab, John 6:30-35

WED - Acts 8:1b-8, Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, John 6:35-40

THU - Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, John 6:44-51

FRI - Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 117:1bc, 2, John 6:52-59

SAT - 1 Peter 5:5b-14, Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Mark 16:15-20

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St. Teresa of Avila (Cadiz) - Sacred Heart (Hopedale) - St. Matthias (Freeport)

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*ST = at St. Teresa, SH = at Sacred Heart, SM = at St. Matthias
The Rosary is recited one half hour before all weekend Masses.
Confessions will be heard after Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Matthias and
Tuesdays after 4:30 PM Mass at St. Teresa*

04/18/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	People of Our Parishes
04/18/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Don Robinson (Nancy Wisvari) - 5618
04/19/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Fred & Marsha Hindman) - 4676
04/19/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Denise Wells Allen (Harry & Pauline Wells) - 5697
04/20/2026	MON		NO MASS	
04/21/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Roberta A. Darios (Joseph W. Darios) - 5527
04/22/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Bob & Susan Smith (Curt & Judy Crawshaw) - 5549
04/23/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Tom Malicki (The Malicki Family) - 5508
04/24/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 4998
04/25/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Myron Fledderus (Susan & Gary Jamison) - 5555
04/25/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	David Bober (Janice Snyder) - 5657
04/26/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
04/26/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Fr. Fred Kihm (Birthday) (HC CWC) - 5691

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held this Sunday, April 19th at 8:30 AM- before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: April 26th.)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: on Sunday, April 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at St. Teresa's Activity Center. A movie will be shown for the children and adults may bring games to play. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided, please bring snacks to share.

EASTER CANDLE: The Paschal candle is blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil. It remains in the sanctuary throughout the Easter season as a symbol of the risen Christ's presence and then throughout the year on occasions such as baptisms, funerals and some other special occasions such as the ordination of priests.



COFFEE & DONUTS
SUNDAY
April 19th
This Sunday at St. Teresa
Come join the Fellowship!

WELCOME: to Timothy Morehead and Roderick Cowans who were initiated into the Catholic Faith through the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. They are parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila. May the Lord continue to bless you as you grow in your faith. Alleluia!

VOLUNTEERS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDED: Eucharistic Adoration is held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, every Friday following the 12:15 PM Mass at Sacred Heart. We need volunteers for one hour per month, or every two months, or whatever you can give. If you could help out, please complete the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and we will contact you so that you are on the schedule at your convenience.

CHANGES: Please notify the rectory of any changes with your address, telephone number, (if you no longer use your landline phone, please give us your cell phone number), or email address. It is your responsibility that we have accurate contact information for you and your family. You never know when we may need to contact you.

If everyone, everywhere,
at all times and under all circumstances
followed the teachings of Jesus Christ
and His Church, the world would be
so much more like heaven, and
so much less like hell!

Fr. Fred Kihm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tammy Belon, Michael Beckler, Ginger Russell, Julie Meyer, Fr. Mark Moore, Richard Kidd, Sharon Leck, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Jerry Jackson, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse, Fr. Chester Pabin.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

POPE LEO'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For priests in crisis—Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

YOUTH ENVELOPES: There are youth envelopes in the back of the church for children to use. It goes without saying that generosity is a virtue that needs to be learned at an early age.

2026 D/PSC GOALS

	Last Year -	This Year -	Difference
St. Teresa -	12,536	10,106	2,433
Sacred Heart -	7,918	5,663	1,545
St. Matthias -	4,714	4,501	213

THANK YOU FROM THE K OF C: to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus 40 Cans/40 Days during Lent this year. That was a great way of telling our Lord that you were serious about helping those in our community who are less fortunate. If you wanted to donate you may still do so. Your donations are greatly appreciated. God bless you!

THANK YOU: to everyone who prepared the food for the soup dinners after the Lenten Parish Missions during Lent. To those who cleaned and decorated our parishes for Easter, to all our ministers of the Word, Holy Communion, and Music, and to our Catholic Woman's Club for purchasing the Lenten booklets. May God bless you all!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4590: will meet on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you are interested in attending or joining the K of C, contact Barry Momyer, 412-965-3522.

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST & MARTYR: was a Libyan who is traditionally ascribed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark and it was based on Peter's eyewitness testimony. Most modern scholars agree that the Gospel of Mark is anonymous, though the topic remains contentious among experts. Scholarship is inconclusive on authorship; some reject the attribution to Mark while others debate the identity of Mark. According to Church tradition, Mark founded the Episcopal see of Alexandria, which was one of the five most important sees of early Christianity. His feast day is celebrated on April 25, and his symbol is the winged lion.

Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: \$1,062.00
Building Fund: \$540.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: \$313.00
Building Fund: \$1,066.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: \$345.00

GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCHES!