



April Edition of The Christian Pilot



Guide to Holy Week

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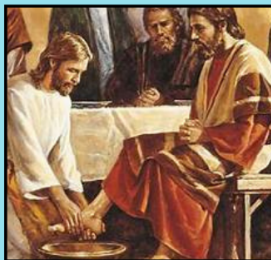
at Raytown Christian Church
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd



Palm Sunday - April 13

Sunday before Easter, celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday Breakfast 9-10am ~ Worship 10:30am



Maundy Thursday - April 17

Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper.

Tenebrae Service - 6:30pm



Good Friday - April 18

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.

PowerShift Worship Center Good Friday Service - 7pm



Easter Sunday, April 20

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! Join us in worship as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Worship - 10:30am

A Note from Pastor Michael



Hello and Happy "Passion Month" to all my Raytown family!

Great things are happening currently, and there are also great things that have already transpired that we praise God continuously for. One thing that I thank God for is my salvation! I don't know about you, but that is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. When we consider our spiritual condition before Christ and the distance that it created between us and God, we can truly appreciate a God that was passionate enough to close the gap and grant us relationship with Him that will never be shaken. That was the Passion of our Christ. Every portion of his suffering was endured passionately for us. Those things considered, let us take this month to return the passion! My prayer is that the fervency of Gods Spirit will cause every area of your life to ignite and come alive because remember, passion will always bring Life!

I love you all! More blessings.

A Message from the Moderator

Mary Oylar



Through April we are in the Easter Season. Next week we will be observing Easter Week with Palm Sunday and a breakfast, Maundy Thursday with a Tenebrae Service ending with our Easter morning service to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. In our Christian faith it is a week of celebration and sorrow culminating with Christ making the ultimate sacrifice to free us from sin and then rising to rejoin his disciples, before he ascends to join His Heavenly Father. He sends them on their mission to spread his word and make more disciples as they spread the good word about what awaits us in heaven.

I would like to share some good news for Raytown Christian Church. Currently, Sisters in Christ are using the top floor of the Education Wing in the afternoons to tutor high school students- this program will run through the end of the school year helping these students with their academic success.

Starting with the beginning of the 2025- 2026 school year, the top floor of the Education Wing, the chapel, two classrooms on the lower level under the Sanctuary and the old youth lounge will be occupied on Mondays. Thrive Family Co-op is renting space for their home school program. The building will be bustling with youth and excitement. In our many conversations with their administrators we have been impressed with their passion for community and education. They are very impressed with our facility, our friendliness (two families visited our service a few weeks ago) and passion for community. With the added space, they hope to grow their program to reach more home school families.

I am excited to see RCC being used to service youth and our community. I can't think of a better way for RCC to share the love of God than by providing for our youth.

As spring settles in, enjoy the rebirth of nature.

**Don't forget to
invite someone to
join you for
church on Easter!**



**Grab a flyer or flyers from the Information Center
and share with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers!**

Outreach Corner

Mindy McDaniel, Chair



Easter baskets were created for the children at the River of Refuge Transitional Housing Apartments Thursday, 4/10. This is a highlight of our Outreach ministry, joyfully sharing the glorious story of Jesus' Resurrection! We want to assure that all baskets include the Resurrection story, along with candy and treats! Seventeen children, aged 5 months through 12 years of age received baskets.

The Raytown Main Street Association's Easter Parade is Saturday, 4/19. Raytown Christian Church provides a staging area for the Raytown community participants, including floats, marching bands, dance school exhibitions, cheerleaders, and much more! We also provide an area for float registration, check-in of participating groups, a staging area for organizing the parade prior to starting, and coffee for participants. This is a great way to share our beautiful church building and some of the amazing members here!

Again, this year, RCC will have a booth on the Raytown Greenspace (63rd St. and Blue Ridge Blvd.)! This is our opportunity to visit with our community and invite our neighbors to hear the Good News of Jesus' love on Sunday mornings!

Upcoming Outreach Events

In May, we enjoy a Mother's Day Diaper Drive for the "Happy Bottoms" program run by The Sisters in Christ. Outreach ends this fun event with a "Happy Bottoms" baby shower and celebration on Mother's Day, 5/18. Last year, RCC members generously donated almost 2,000 diapers and diaper wipe packages to this organization. OK, RCC, let's see if we can outdo ourselves in 2025!

Outreach is always interested in our congregation's thoughts and ideas on how to reach out to our community! Please feel free to find an Outreach team member and share your thoughts or drop a note in the Outreach mailbox located in the reception area of the office.

Our first and foremost goal is to help the unchurched say "Yes!" to Jesus.

