

The Great Three Days of Caster 2024

The beginning and culmination of the year,
THE EASTER TRIDUUM OF THE LORD:
His last supper, his crucifixion,
his burial and his rising,
celebrated between the evening
of the 28th day of March
and the evening of the 31st day of March 2024



Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ Schedule for THE THREE DAYS:

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm Quiet Prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel or in the Church until 10:00 pm. Holy Thursday NIGHT PRAYER, 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29: Passion and Death of the Lord, 12:10 pm.

The 12:10 Liturgy is the main liturgy of Good Friday.

Good Friday Evening Prayer of the Lord's Burial, 7:00 pm.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 11:00 am: Morning Prayer of the Lord's Rest in the Tomb



THE EASTER VIGIL, in the darkness, Saturday night, March 30, 9:00 pm Breakfast follows. Please sign up for reservations

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31: Easter Morning Mass: Spirit of Christ, 8:00 am; Blessed Trinity 10:00 am

TO PREPARE: Pick up the booklet at the Lent Table: What Am I Doing for the Tribuum?

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning:8:00 am at Spirit of Christ in Lolo

10:00 am at Blessed Trinity

Friday Eucharist @ 10:00 am:

First and third Fridays, Parish Mass at Village Health Care Center Fourth Friday, Parish Mass at Village Senior Residence

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

ADULTS seeking Baptism: Please call the parish office for further information regarding INQUIRY GATHERINGS, designed to meet the needs and questions of each inquiring person.

BAPTIZED ADULTS from another Christian tradition who wish to consider full communion with the Roman Catholic Church: Call the parish office for information.

PARENTS who seek Baptism for a newborn baby or an older child please call the parish office for scheduled Preparation Process. CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION: Preparation process offered periodically throughout the year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact parish office at least eight to six months prior to the expected date of the wedding. Preparation process is designed to support the couples love for one another and to assist in the formation of a stronger bond needed to live the commitment and covenant of Sacramental marriage. Preparation team includes trained sponsoring married couples, pastor and parish staff.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment. Please call Fr. Ed @ 721-2405.

Preparation Guide available. Sacrament is celebrated in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Communal Celebration during Advent and Lent

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Celebrated at the time of sickness, mental stress, prior to surgery and/or hospitalization. The sacrament may also be celebrated periodically during an extended illness.

The Sacrament is celebrated with family, friends, and/or parishioners present; or with the parish community at daily Mass or when necessary at Sunday Mass.

> CONTACT PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. ALWAYS CALL THE PARISH PRIOR TO HOSPITALIZATION OR SURGERY.

If a hospital or care center visit is desired, notify the parish office upon admittance.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

Call the office 721-2405.

SACRAMENT OF THE DYING

HOLY VIATICUM: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY The Last Rite of the Church for the dying is Holy Communion. The Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood can be administered during the dying process.

When death already occurs the Prayers for the Dead are prayed. Always remember to be in dialogue with the parish during these times.

At the time of death contact the parish as soon as possible. Prior to making any funeral arrangements

please be in dialogue with the parish. When cremation is chosen, it ordinarily follows the funeral mass.



The WEEK AHEAD **PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday—Thursday 9am — 5pm Closed Friday

SAT Mar 23

5:00 pm: **Sunday Mass Vigil**

Mass Intention for Michelle Stillwell

r/b Barb Shubert

SUN Mar 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9. 17-18a.

19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47

Mass at Spirit of Christ 8:00 am: 10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity

There is no coffee & donuts after Mass.

MON Mar 25 Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11

TUES Mar 26 Is 49:1-6 / Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WED Mar 27 Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-

34 / Mt26:14-25

12:10 pm: **Daily Mass**

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 / Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15

7:00 pm: **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

10:00 pm: **Night Prayer**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 / Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 / He-

brews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1—19:42

12:10 pm: Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord

7:00 pm: **Evening Prayer of the Lord's Burial**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

Genesis 1:1—2:2 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Exodus 14:15—15:1 / Isaiah 54:5-14 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10

11:am: Morning Prayer of the Lord's Rest in the

9:00 pm: **Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9

8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ Mass at Blessed Trinity 10:00 am:

The Sacred Triduum...

THE GREAT THREE DAYS OF EASTER

What SUNDAY is to the week the "Sacred Triduum is to the year!"

Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ Bulletin Insert: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 24, 2024

THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER

That is the Triduum? Throughout the year we hear about the high holy days of other religions like Yom Kippur and Ramadan, but what are the high holy days for Christians? In the Catholic Tradition, Holy Week contains our high holy days, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter. The high point of the week occurs on the last three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Each of these three days is marked with special liturgies which will be explored below. The Church is always clear that the **Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ** is to be celebrated in its entirety. In

other words, the Church does not stop at the passion of the Lord, dwelling only on the sufferings Christ endured while forgetting about the reason for the cross: resurrection, redemption and new life. On the other hand, there cannot be a focus only on the resurrection, forgetting the heavy price that was paid for humanity's redemption. During the Triduum, the Church takes three days of intense prayer to celebrate the entire Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues on Good Friday with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and reaches its high point on Holy Saturday night with The Easter Vigil. The purpose of these celebrations is to make the Church present to the great mysteries of salvation found in the saving work of Jesus Christ.



The Triduum tells the story of what it means to be Christian. This cannot be done

with haste. It takes time to tell how God created us, chose us, and redeemed us through Christ.

Telling the story of salvation takes more than just words, and at these special liturgies the Church makes use of additional rites to do so. On Holy Thursday, for example, there is the washing of feet. On Good Friday there is the veneration of the cross. At the Easter Vigil there is the blessing of fire and water. These additional rites enhance the liturgy, and although they take time, they do not impede but actually facilitate the flow of movement through the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection.

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HOLY THURSDAY: EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, MARCH 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM

The celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is so named because it takes place at night in commemoration of the first time this meal was celebrated by Jesus and the disciples. Sunset on Holy Thursday marks the ending of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum. Although Lent ends Thursday evening, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. In the early Church, this fast was continued through Holy Saturday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

The source and summit of the Catholic faith comes from the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper which commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. The primary source of the Lord's Supper is the Last Supper, the meal which Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before he died. The Last Supper was a distinctly Jewish meal which might have been a Passover celebration. In fact, the word "paschal" as used in the term "Paschal Mystery" means "Passover."

On the night of Holy Thursday, the Church remembers that it was ransomed from death like the Jews who were spared death in the time of Moses by putting the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. However, the blood that was shed for the world's salvation was not from an animal but from Jesus himself. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ is a sign that God's people are committed to the new and everlasting covenant which was sealed forever in the sacrifice of Christ. Each year at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the same three readings are proclaimed. The first one is from Exodus (12:1-8, 11-14) in which God proclaims that the Jewish people should celebrate Passover each year, drawing a connection with Jesus' use of the Passover to institute the Eucharist. The second reading is the oldest written account of the Last

Supper. It comes from Paul's letter to the Corinthians written before the gospels: "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you." (1 Cor 11:24)

The gospel for this Mass comes from the Bible's latest account of the Last Supper which occurs in John 13:1-15. John's gospel is unique because it includes the washing of the disciple's feet by Jesus. After the gospel is read, the priest washes the feet of several members of the assembly to remember Jesus' final act before his passion and death. Jesus was saying that it is not enough merely to celebrate the Eucharist. Disciples of Jesus must also live their faith in the service of others by "washing feet," or else the celebration of the Eucharistic will be empty and meaningless.



Before the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, **the new oils** which were blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass may be placed in the ambry of the church (the Holy Oils may also be presented at the beginning of Mass as we do at Blessed Trinity). These are the **Oil of the Sick** used to anoint those who are ill, the **Oil of the Catechumens** used to strengthen those preparing for baptism and the **Oil of Chrism** used at baptism, confirmation, ordination and the dedication of a new Church and Altar.

Holy Thursday ends with a solemn procession of the Eucharist at the end of which the body of Christ is reposed in a tabernacle. Often the church is left open for people to watch and wait with Christ for the story to continue as did his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane.

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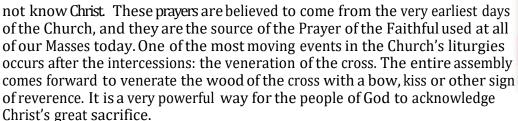
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GOOD FRIDAY: THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD-MARCH 29, 12:10pm

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion consists of three parts: the Word of God, the Veneration of the Cross and the reception of Holy Communion. Although communion is distributed, it is not a Mass because the Eucharist is not consecrated on this day. The primary focus of this celebration is the death of the Lord.

Each year on Good Friday the passion of Jesus is proclaimed from the gospel of John which is not like the other gospels because it is very triumphant. It is not the story of the abused suffering servant which is witnessed in Mark, but rather it is the story of a Jesus who is very much in control of the events going on around him. This is the Son of God who tells Pilate that he has no power over him and who cries out "It is finished" when he dies, indicating that all was done according to his plan. The Jesus of Good Friday is one who uses death to defeat death.

After the homily special intercessions are prayed for the world, for the Church and for those who do



Because of the solemn nature of Good Friday, the Church does not celebrate any sacraments this day, including the Eucharist. After the veneration of the cross, communion which is left from the Holy Thursday celebration is distributed to the assembly. There is no final blessing at the end of Good Friday because the liturgy is not really over; the story does not end on Calvary.



HE EASTER VIGIL occurs on the evening of Holy Saturday. IT ISTHE MOST POWERFUL LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH YEAR. ACCORDING TO CHURCH LAW, IT MUST OCCUR AT NIGHT, STARTING ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET. A vigil implies watching and waiting for something. Christians watch and wait for the coming of the Lord, and at the Easter Vigil, God's people wait to experience the resurrected Christ just as the original disciples did on that first Easter morning. Jesus' death and resurrection brought about a new creation, and this is reflected at the Easter Vigil celebration which starts outside around a great fire. The new flame is blessed and used to light the Easter Candle which will be lit for the entire Easter Season (until Pentecost). The candle is inscribed with the current year because Christ's light shines through the ages. During the Vigil, all members of the assembly receive a candle as a sign that they have been enlightened by Christ.

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he readings used at the Easter Vigil are especially poignant. They trace the story of salvation history including the story of creation, Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac and Moses' parting of the Red Sea. The story of God's saving events is followed by Paul's

reflection on baptism (Romans 6:3-11) and culminates with one of the gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Having just traveled with Jesus to the cross on Good Friday, we now see how the story ends. The women who go to anoint Jesus' body do not find a tomb of



death but a garden of life. This is true at the Easter Vigil as well. The church is left on Good Friday in the shadow of death, but at the Vigil, there is a movement from darkness to light. Voices that sang with sorrow now burst forth with "Alleluia." The church which was bare on Good Friday is filled with flowers and signs of new life.



The baptismal font, which was emptied on Palm Sunday, is filled with water to be blessed this night. The water is another sign of the new creation which comes about when members of the Church are born through baptism. On this particular night, the assembly renews its baptismal promises as all are invited to process to the font and touch it's blessed waters to be reminded that through baptism all are reborn in Christ.

Liturgy is concerned with entering deeply into the mysteries

of God in order to know the Lord better. At the Easter Vigil, the presence of the resurrected Christ is encountered in a very real way through the Eucharist. In the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, all those present are united as one with the resurrected Christ.

THE CATECHUMENATE

Then any non-baptized person of the age of reason (7-8 years old) or older wishes to join the Church, they are enrolled in the Order of Catechumens as part of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**. The period of the catechumenate may last for one or more years. It is a time of learning about the Church, but it is also a time of deepening conversion. It is a time to know the Lord better. Once the catechumens are ready to be baptized, they enter an intense period of prayer and preparation during Lent. At the Easter Vigil, they are fully initiated according to the law of the Church through baptism, confirmation and first Holy Communion. Their public entry into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation gives witness to the awesome power of the Holy Spirit. By witnessing the Spirit leading the catechumens through the waters of death to new life, all

members of the Church are strengthened in their resolve to live as committed members of the Body of Christ. At this year's EASTER VIGIL Anabelle Flaherty will be fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed, and receive First Holy Communion). Anabelle is 10 years old. WELCOME, Anabelle!



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The Special 2024 EASTER COLLECTION



"Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Come, let us adore."

Good Friday, Adoration of the Holy Cross

Stewardship is helping to carry the cross, year after year...

The SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION is a significant portion of our Stewardship Collection each year.

PLEASE respond; PLEASE be generous.

"Accept graciously, O Lord, the offerings of your people."

Please respond with generous Easter Faith.

Please use the special EASTER COLLECTION envelope in your stewardship envelope packet

Thank you.

Bulletin Insert Palm Sunday March 24, 2024



THE HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION



Each year, the HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION is <u>exclusively</u> for our parish OUTREACH MINISTRY. It helps us provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless and care for the many who come to us for help, support and a caring heart (sometimes this includes our own parish members).

During the days of EASTER 2024 we continue to be aware of the many in need, around us and far beyond. Please remember and please be generous, as the need these days is great and continues to grow. THANK YOU.



On Holy Thursday, we normally return our OPERATION RICE BOWL offerings, reminding us of our global vision and mission beyond our own borders. THANK YOU.

These collections help us respond, serve, care and touch the lives and hearts of the many who seek both our help and love.

THANK YOU.

Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love are we thus bound.



The House for the Church

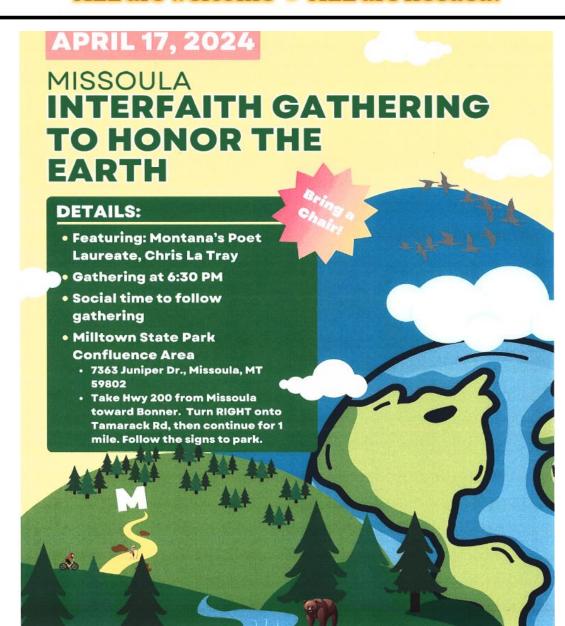
at Blessed Trinity

THE FULL PARISH GATHERING PLANNED ON APRIL 21 WILL BE MOVED TO A LATER DATE IN THE SPRING...

...when we will have more accurate information on the progress of our potential LAND SALE, more detailed analysis of potential costs of each portion of the renovation project and a realistic time-line for completion.

Watch the bulletin for the new date for this full parish gathering. THANK YOU.

ALL are welcome # ALL are needed!





Sign-up TODAY for the

EASTER VIGIL MIDNIGHT SUPPER

Here's a sneak peak of what's on Cathy's menu: Deviled Eggs, Salmon Spread on crackers, Italian Skewers, Veggie/Relish Tray, Artichoke Dip served with French Bread Cubes, Teriyaki Meatballs, Chocolate Biscotti.

There are sign-up sheets at the church entrances. **Reservations** close on Wednesday.



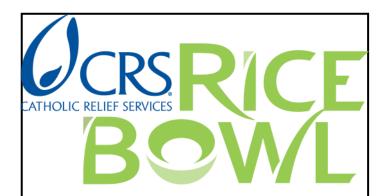
Easter Environment Memorials

If you wish to make a donation toward our Easter environment in memory of a loved one, special envelopes are available at the church entrances.



We fondly remember one among us who died a year ago.

Jenny Kuntz March 26



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?

Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.





Our next week to host Family Promise

is SUNDAY April 7 thru SATURDAY, April 13, 2024.

If you have an interest in helping out with this ministry and are new to Family Promise please contact Cathy Burleson, cell: 406-240-7484 (voice only), or email: burlesonCL3@yahoo.com.



Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why Blessed Trinity is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Tuesday April 16th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm In the Parish Hall. We're looking for 20-30 donors, not limited to parishioners, so invite your friends and neighbors.

To sign up or for more info, contact Phil Carlos 406-543-0502 or Phil.c.carlos@gmail.com.



MISSOULA FOOD BANK PROTEIN PRODUCTS are always

welcome: canned meats, peanut butter, and beans. Also, anything that provides some variety for the things we purchase regularly, canned soups and canned vegetables in particular.

For the month of February Blessed Trinity contributed 294 pounds of food, diapers, paper products, and personal care items. Thank you parishioners. And thanks to Hal and Rose Pulling and Michael Knepp for gathering and delivering it all to the Food Bank. We are grateful for your continued help. THANK YOU! The collection baskets are at the church entrances.



Thank you! Matt Reichert Jor helping us see the Light of Christ more clearly

This presentations was brought to us by the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena though a generous grant.

Donations to offset costs exceeding the grant joyfully accepted.



Whole Parish
Faith Formation 2023-24

The Resurrection and the Life Sunday, April 14

Join us for the next whole parish faith formation during the Easter season as we reflect on the Resurrection and the light we have received and are called to take out into the world.

All are Welcome!

Youth Group
Wed., Apr. 17, 7-8:30 pm



Due to travel, spring break, and Easter we will not have a regular meeting in March. However, check out the Triduum sign up sheets before you go! When we meet again in April will have food, fun, and friends.



Lectionary Scripture Study

Is on Spring Break

We will return Thursday April 18

Children's Liturgy
of the Word
Sunday, April 21 &28, 10 am

Children ages 3-10 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10 am Mass. They are dismissed at the beginning of the liturgy of the word. We gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to hear the readings and Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. A reflection on the Gospel is given at their level of understanding, followed by prayers of the faithful (during which pets and grandparents receive much attention). Children return to the main assembly during the offertory procession. Parents and/or older siblings are invited to accompany young children if desired. We will not be having Children's Liturgy during Palm Sunday (March 24) or Easter Sunday (March 31).

VIRTUS Safe Environment



Lessons for children and youth are scheduled for Sunday April 14 and Wednesday April 17

Call Judy Cooney for more information.

PALM SUNDAY



Promise of Life

Lord God, you entered Jerusalem in triumph, and we shouted, "Hosanna!" As the Lenten journey closes, may I continue to remember your sacrifice and love. Give me the strength to follow your cross. May my heart find serenity and joy in your promise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Never Alone

Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1—15:47. Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, "You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee, stood by until his death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Remain here and keep watch."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 25 A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1*, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, March 26 Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 7:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, March 27 Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10; 21–22, 31, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

Thursday, March 28 Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? *Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.*

Friday, March 29 Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah* 52:13—53:12; *Psalm* 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; *Hebrews* 4:14–16, 5:7–9; *John* 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, March 30Beacon of Light in the Darkness

Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Mark 16:1–7.*





Stewardship: Presence Ministry Treasure

Giving TIME, SERVICE, RESOURCES to be a LOVING community of FAITH!



To better reflect our ACTUAL financial status, YEAR TO DATE numbers will be reported each week, compared with the previous year.

Year-to-date as of 3-17-24 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received:	193,563.18	172,191.86
Budget needed::	<u>178,183.52</u>	<u>149,378.00</u>
Over or (Under) budget	15,379.66	22,813.86

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE: \$383,572 RECEIVED / 98.1% OF THE \$390,803 PLEDGED. 61% OF PARISHIONERS HAVE PARTICIPATED THUS FAR.

THANK YOU!



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Year-to-date as of 3-17-24 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received:	27,668.00	24,229.00
Budget needed::	31,496.30	31,806.00
Over or (Under)	((3,828.30)	(7,577.00)

THANK YOU!

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