

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Three bell tones signal our **Call to Worship** — please remain seated
Cantor will intone the Kyrie then all repeat



Penitential Act

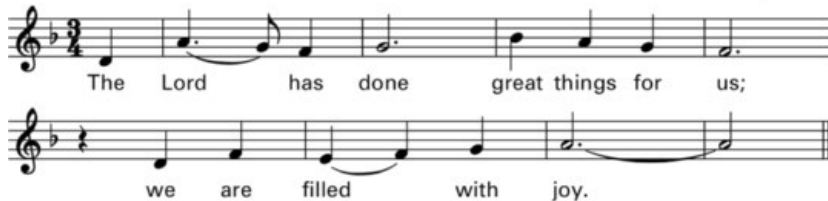
I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

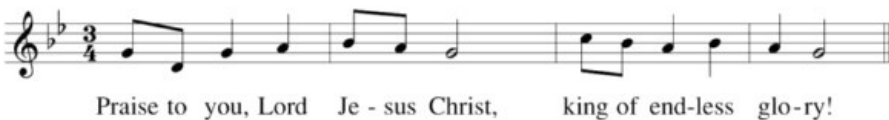
Reading I: Isaiah 43.16-21

Response: Psalm 126 — *cantor first, then assembly*



Reading II: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel Acclamation — *cantor first, then assembly*



Gospel: John 8.1-11

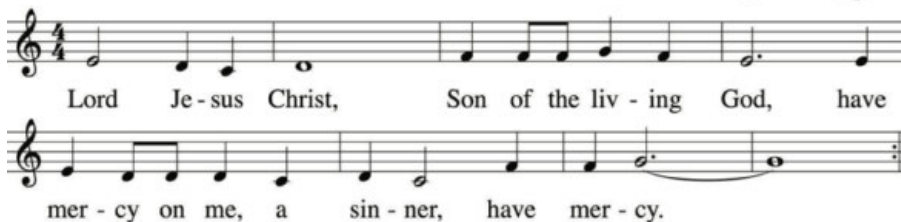
Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed — *see sidebar*

Universal Prayer



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts and Altar — *cantor first, then assembly*



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

3 April 2022

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

I hope you have seen the pattern in our late Lenten liturgies. The Gospel passages for the last three Sundays (the parables of the Fruitless

Fig Tree, the Prodigal Son, and today's narrative of the Woman Caught in Adultery) are all powerful statements of God's mercy. It's ground that needs to be gone over again and again. No one is too far gone, too crooked, too bad to be removed from the Father's care ... and no one is too good, too religious, or too full of virtue, not to need the same compassion. It wasn't the prodigal, younger son's confession that sparked his dad's forgiveness, but his father's love that triggered the confession. Never, ever, ever forget that.

That is why I am such a fan of Examinations of Conscience ... a series of questions that I can lay against my own heart to help me see my own sinfulness. Acknowledging my faults, recognizing my need for change, are the most mundane examples I know of God working on me. We don't find God once we get in the confessional; it's evidence of His grace at work in us that takes us there.

So, as I have done in previous Fifth Sundays of Lent, here is another example of one such self-exam I came across. It's not based on the Ten Commandments or the Prayer of St. Francis, as some self-exams are, but on a line from the great saint and mystic, John of the Cross:

"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone" (*Dichos 64*).
If that is so of the end of our days, Lord,
might that not also be so of the end of every day?

In the evening of this day, Lord, I will be judged on love alone.

How will you judge this day in my life, Lord?
What's your critique of how I spent the last 24 hours?
What does my day look like, through your eyes?
How did my thoughts mirror your love?
How did my words speak your love?
How did my deeds make present your love?
How did I love those I live with?
How did my generosity reflect your love?
How did my silence welcome your loving presence?
How did my prayer invite your love into my heart?

In the evening of this day, Lord, I will be judged on love alone.

Even if I spent most of this day alone, even if I neither met nor spoke with anyone, how loving were my thoughts of those who've hurt me?
... of those who disagree with me? ... those who don't think well of me?
... those who have forgotten me? ... those who speak ill of me?
... those whom I have hurt?
... those whose stories I neither know nor understand?

In the evening of this day, Lord, I will be judged on love alone.

How did I reach out in love to those waiting to hear from me?
... those who are sick? ... those who are poor?
... those with needs I might help with?
... those I'm estranged from? ... those who are alone?

In the evening of this day, Lord, I will be judged on love alone.

In every moment of every day and night, Lord, you love me with mercy and forgiveness: give me the grace to love others as freely and as fully as I am loved by you.

Protect me, Lord, while I'm awake and watch over me when I sleep that awake, I might keep watch with you and asleep, rest in your loving peace. Amen.

Sunday, April 3

7:30am Confessions at CR
8:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
10:30am Mass at SM: +Russell and Mary Gass
6:00pm Faith Formation - High School at SM

Monday, April 4

5:30pm Mass at CR: +Dawn Rolling
6:00pm Confessions at CR

Tuesday, April 5

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Harold Schiefelbein
3:00pm Mass at Primrose: +Joseph Hebert
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR
6:25pm Stations of the Cross at CR
7:00pm Catholicism 101 at SM Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 6

6:00am Study of the Catechism at CR
11:00am Lenten Soup Lunch in CR Brennan Hall
11:40am First Wednesday Devotion to St. Joseph will be prayed at CR
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Brad Grell
6:00pm Faith Formation - Elementary and Middle School at SM

Thursday, April 7

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Nancy Robinson

Friday, April 8

6:30am Men's Discussion Group at CR
9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study-SM
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Gene Karpinski

PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 9

3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Gina Ledbetter Ciccarelli
5:30pm Mass at CR: +Mary Turner

Sunday, April 10

7:30am Confessions at CR
8:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
10:30am Mass at SM: Special Intentions for Majella McIntyre
6:00pm Confirmation Sponsor and Teens at SM

CR - Church of the Resurrection • **SM** - St. Michael Church

Connect with Worship at Home

Mass and reflection opportunities are available throughout the week on our website at eastsideparishes.org

◇ The 8:30am Sunday Mass at the Church of the Resurrection is live-streamed for immediate viewing and then available for re-viewing for several days.

◇ Either Fr. Mark or Fr. Joe record one of the readings from the daily Mass and also share a 5-8 minute (audio-only) reflection.

Scripture readings for this week can be found at: <https://bible.usccb.org>

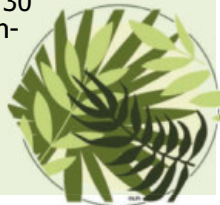
Readings for Palm Sunday (April 10)

(Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56)

"Lord, I am prepared to go to die with you." Doubtless, St. Peter meant what he said, but in a few hours, he will have denied that he even knew Jesus and will have fled the scene. Christ had foreseen Peter's betrayal and had told him so. We do not know how this made Peter feel. One bitter lesson he surely learned when the cock crowed was that warm feelings without commensurate action is empty. The significance of Jesus' final week on earth—his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, disruption of the temple's commerce, disputes, teachings, Last Supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death—is much greater than his sidekick's betrayal. But Peter's courage in safety, and cowardice in danger, reflect the sort of faithlessness with which most of us can identify. *With what figures in this great story do you identify? Denying Peter, betraying Judas, indecisive Pilate, clueless Simon, the obedient non-questioning soldiers, the faithful women? How have you been called to a change of heart by a personal failure?*

Most of our services on Palm Sunday will start in the Gathering Spaces!

As we enter into Holy Week next Sunday, the Blessing and Procession of the Palms that marks Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem at the 4 pm Saturday and 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses, will begin in our churches' gathering areas (not the worship area itself). So, don't be surprised when you enter church and are invited to pick an unblessed palm and remain standing with others before the service starts. At the 5:30 pm Mass at Resurrection, where we continue to socially distance and mask, worshippers will be invited to pick up a palm as they enter, and they will be blessed as they hold them in their pews. Just thought you would like to know.



Liturgies for the Easter Triduum

We have sent all our members a postcard with these dates and times ... and of course they are on the Eastside Parishes website, but here is the schedule for the Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday, April 14:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm (at SM)

Good Friday, April 15:

Service of the Lord's Passion at 1 pm (SM) and 5:15 pm (CR)

Holy Saturday, April 16:

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8:15 pm (CR)

Easter Sunday, April 17:

Masses at 8:30 am (both CR and SM), and 10:30 am (SM).



Is a baby in your future? Baptism prep classes in April

We ask first-time parents who are hoping to present a child for baptism to undertake some preparation by way of a pair of formation sessions. Our next series of baptism classes will start in late April (and then perhaps not again for a couple months). Rather than wait for your child's birth, we welcome your preparation before you deliver. Call the parish office at 715-842-4283 to get on the list.

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Another "Seven Minutes More" Presentation This Weekend

The occasional series of post-Mass, brief talks on various themes was another victim of COVID, but we are bringing them back in a big way these days.

This weekend, **April 2-3**, Fr. Mark will present "Seven Minutes More ... on the Crucifixion of Jesus in Art."

This is optional, short, and free. 😊

Reconciliation

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Lenten Reconciliation opportunities ahead: Tuesday, April 12 communal reconciliation service, and some extra confession hours

A privileged way of applying the power of God's renewing grace is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our regular Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and Monday night opportunities, the Eastside Parishes will host one communal Reconciliation service for Lent (with many confessors on hand) on **Tuesday, April 12**, at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Parish.

In addition, Fr. Mark and Fr. Joe will add a couple extra confession opportunities at 4:00 and 6:00pm on **Thursday, April 7**, at St. Michael Parish, and at the same times on **Wednesday, April 13**, at Resurrection Parish.

If all of this fails, call the parish office at 715-842-4283 for an individual appointment.

"The Stations of the Cross" during Lent on Tuesday and Wednesday

We invite you to take a thoughtful walk with Jesus on his Way of the Cross each week of Lent. At Resurrection Parish, the Stations will be celebrated on Lenten Tuesdays at 6:20pm (after the regular Novena). At St. Michael Parish, the Stations will be celebrated on Lenten Wednesdays at 5:15 pm.



COVID procedures at Sunday Masses

Here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

- For the unvaccinated, the wearing of face coverings and social distancing remain recommended.
- The first and last pew in each section will continue to have a "buffer" row behind or in front of them for those who would welcome more space between themselves and others and, for the time being the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass at Resurrection will continue to require 6' distancing and the wearing of masks.
- We are not formally inviting the assembly to exchange the Sign of Peace beyond a verbal greeting. You are welcome to exchange it within your family/household grouping, but for now it might be best not to assume that those around you will welcome a handshake.



St. Michael Parish

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$4,537.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$0.00
Weekly Total	\$4,537.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions\$399,948.08	

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$7,383.18
Electronic Contributions.....	\$0.00
Weekly Total.....	\$7,383.18
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions....\$488,072.81	



March 27, 2022

Cash contributions this week.....	\$3,050.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	\$0.00
"We Believe" weekly total	\$3,050.00

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,267,567.32

Total pledges (including friends' match)..... \$1,341,987.43
(not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services interest forgiveness)



Thank you to these new Annual Appeal respondents! St. Michael Parish has received responses from **171** households that have together pledged **\$80,137**, bypassing their goal of \$77,485. Thank you!!!

At the Church of the Resurrection **148** households have responded and together pledged **\$79,000**, bypassing their goal of \$74,350 goal. Thank you!!!

We are very grateful for these folks whose response to the Appeal reached us since March 30th...

St. Michael: John and Becky Neumueller, Karla Kieffer, Rick and Brenda Redding, Don and Lorraine Imhoff, Lorraine Barthels, and Jack Romanowski.

Church of the Resurrection: Luann Prahl.

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of:
Chester and Margaret Kwarcianny

St. Michael Votive Candles burn for:

- A special intention for good test results for J.M.
- For a peaceful death for Tina Woodward
- Anonymous • A special favor

...and in memory of...

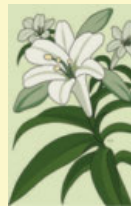
- Jerry, Mary, and Mike Zelenka • Mary Greenheck

The Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen will serve soup in Brennan Hall at Resurrection on Wednesdays through April 13, 11am-1pm.



Volunteers are needed to give a hand in cleaning our churches in preparation for the Easter season. Please bring a pail and cleaning rags. Many hands will make quick work!

Both St. Michael and Resurrection Parishes will be cleaned on **Monday, April 11, beginning at 9:00am.**



Easter Flowers

Donations toward flowers to decorate the churches during the Easter season, and all year long, can be made by placing your contribution in the flower envelope received with your weekly envelopes or clearly indicate "Flowers" on a plain envelope. Thank you!

Do you—or someone you know—want to make a change in your life but keep hitting roadblock after roadblock? "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" may just be your solution! Invest in your future by joining St. Vincent de Paul's new "Getting Ahead" program to build your resources for a more stable, secure life. Join us on Thursday evenings to investigate your experience of poverty, the impact within our community, and create a plan to reach your goals. Receive a mentor for support and resource connections, a free backpack with supplies, dinner with every session, and a \$25 Kwik Trip gift card at the end of every session attended. Support for childcare to attend is offered. Please call 715-298-3028, option 3, or email gettingahead@svdpwausau.org for more info and start dates!



On the second weekend of each month beginning in April, St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelopes will be in the pews at each of the Masses. All donations will go directly into our mission account which is used to assist families and individuals in Marathon County. Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection basket, returned to our thrift store, or mailed in. Please write checks out to SVdP.

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to help those who seek our help.



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Cantor *All*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

To Repeat

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Last time

sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Take, O take me as I am. Sum - mon out what I shall

be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.



Song After the Final Blessing

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can

be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us

free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,

Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verses

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.

2. Show us the way that leads to your side,

One foot in par - a - dise, one in the waste.

o - ver the moun - tains and sands of the soul.

Drawn by your prom - is - es, still we are

Be for us man - na, wa - ter from

lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But

stone, 7 light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy
 Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth
 are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he,
 blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim
 your Death, O Lord,
 and profess your Resurrection
 until you come again,
 until you come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in
 heaven, hallowed be thy
 name; thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heaven. Give us this
 day our daily bread; and
 forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not
 into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
 and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

For the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory
 are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
 takes away the sins of the world. Blessed
 are those called to the supper
 of the Lamb.*

Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter
 under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul
 shall be healed.



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