

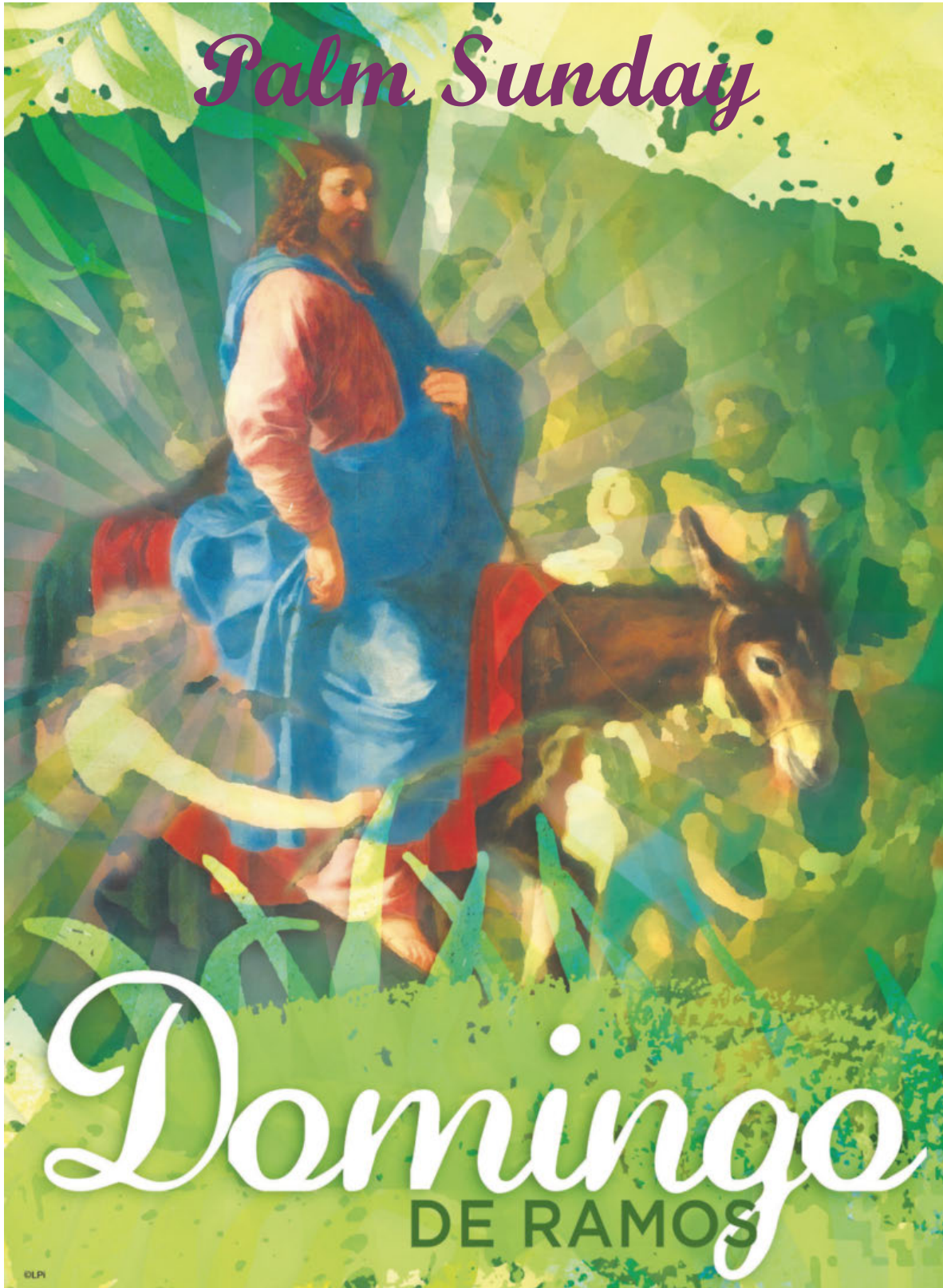


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.



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2 de abril de 2023

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Palm Sunday-6th Sunday of Lent

Today, Palm Sunday, we commemorate the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. I hope that we can all participate well in the liturgies of Holy Week and allow the saving act of Jesus and His love for us affect our lives and help us to grow in our love for Jesus. Remembering how in the recent past, the pandemic negatively affected our participation, **let us celebrate Holy Week and Easter together!** Please plan to attend in person, I am really looking forward to celebrating my final Holy Week with all of you here at STA! The schedule for Holy Week and Easter is on page 8.

Holy Week: Celebrating the Heart of Everything We Believe!

As we celebrate the mystery of our salvation during this Holy Week, I would like to provide you with a liturgical guide mentioning some of the highlights of our liturgies and how we can best worship God, remain faithful to our liturgical guidelines, and include all in our community.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and ends on Easter Sunday. **Please make time to join in these important liturgies.** The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here. Our past, present, and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized.

The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. At STA, we are blessed to be welcoming four elect—Wenge (Wendy) Li, Evis Li, Lucas Lisiecki, Virginia Amann—as new members into the Church with us at this Easter Vigil! We are welcoming four candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church through Eucharist and Confirmation—Wendell Lake, Sam Schneider, Deanna Zimmerman, and Lindsay Harmon. There will be two adult Catholics who will be completing the sacraments of initiation: Jesus Enrique Contreras Piña and Marian Celeste Marquez Parra. Additionally, one child (Annalia) and one infant (Phillip) will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They are children of two of the candidates and will also be initiated into the Church along with their parents. The presence, time, and energy of every person in the community



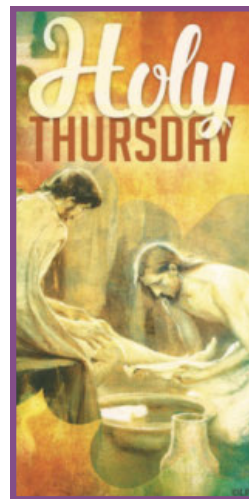
are needed for what we do at our parish in these three days. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.

Funerals During the Triduum

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Several options are available. Families may choose to delay the services until after Easter Sunday. Or they may have a funeral liturgy outside the context of Mass, proceed with the interment, and celebrate a memorial Mass after Easter. In this way, both the needs of the mourners and the larger church can be taken into account during this sacred time of year.

Presentation of the Oils

To comply with the directives from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, we will have a reception of the oils consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass on the morning of Holy Thursday just before the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. The oils, in suitable vessels, will be carried in procession by members of the assembly representing those who will be blessed with the oils throughout the year: The sick and infirm (Oil of the Sick), and those to be baptized (Oil of the Catechumens) and confirmed (Chrism Oil).



Foot Washing Ritual at Holy Thursday Mass

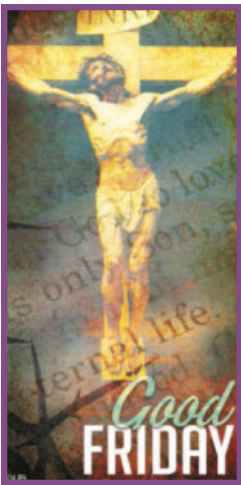
A recent decree issued by the Vatican in 2016 specifies that the Holy Thursday ritual of foot washing can include, “all members of the people of God.” The decree came directly from Pope Francis and states that pastors can now choose “a small group of the faithful to represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women, and laity. Vatican Spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told journalists that although traditionally 12 men were selected to represent the 12 apostles, the meaning of the rite signifies Jesus' unconditional love. With the new decree, he said, the Pope wished that “this dimension of the gesture of Christ's love for all” be the focus rather than just a portrayal of the Last Supper.” To this end, we will continue picking up this spirit from our Holy Father and include a Foot Washing Ritual including twelve representatives of our parish family to signify Jesus' unconditional love for all and inspiration for us to love and serve others as Jesus has shown us.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament After Holy Thursday Mass

After our Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a closed tabernacle on an altar of repose, where the faithful are encouraged to take part in Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for prayer as we head into the most solemn of days, Good Friday, and parallels the disciples keeping watch with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper and before his arrest. **We will be using the newly remodeled Social Hall for our Altar of Repose.** This will allow for our whole congregation to process with the Blessed Sacrament from the church and spend time in Adoration in a comfortable, spacious area. If you plan to attend the Adoration and arrive after Mass, please enter through the main Church doors.



Good Friday Veneration of the Holy Cross

In years past it was a local custom in our parish to have multiple crucifixes for the veneration of the Cross, due to the large number of people in attendance. The service on Good Friday already exceeds 90 minutes. I believe making the service longer would be a detriment to the number of people who would attend. There are some who would attend a service no matter how long it is, but others due to schedules, work, and families with young children have a difficult

time when services become too lengthy. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, using multiple crosses is not permitted: "The rubrics remind us that 'only one Cross' should be used for adoration." The rubrics encourage that in places with a large number of people, the priest should elevate the cross and in a few words invite the faithful to adore the cross from their pews. To me, this does not seem like a good option. In order to follow the rubrics, allow ALL present to come forward, and keep our service to an appropriate length for all community members, our STA staff and I have come up with a good solution that we have been utilizing since before the pandemic, and I think it works very well. We will form four lines very similarly to our regular Communion lines and we will have four people venerate the cross at the same time, with each line touching a wound of Christ. This should keep the lines moving, allow all to venerate, and use only one cross. If there are individuals who would like to kiss the cross or take more time venerating the cross, these individuals may do so after the service. This year we have postponed decorating for the Easter Vigil until Saturday to allow for quiet, private prayer in our Church on Good Friday afternoon.

Bilingual Masses

During the Easter Triduum, we will be including readings and prayers in Spanish at our Holy Thursday Mass and our Easter Vigil Mass. We are making an effort to continue the tradition in our Catholic Church in the U.S. of being an immigrant Church. We also are welcoming people of all races and ethnic backgrounds into our parish family and responding to the needs of immigrants in our community by offering Masses, devotions, and catechetical programs in Spanish. This is an area of growth in our parish. Prior to the pandemic, our October Count showed a slight increase in Mass attendance due to these new members, otherwise, we would have been experiencing a slight decline in attendance. Our Spanish speaking parishioners have a great sacramental need and we are helping families and children celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), as well as the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. This is a great way for our parish to evangelize and be truly relevant in people's lives. Using Spanish in our Masses helps us to be a true Missionary Church, as Pope Francis calls us to be, going out into the streets and inviting all to come into our Church and be united to Jesus Christ. You will notice the great racial diversity in our members celebrating First Holy Communion later in April. This is a true reflection of the actual population that lives within our parish boundaries.

Thank you for your positive support of this ministry in our parish. It would be tragic for our neighbors to feel unwelcome or rejected by the Church and our bilingual Masses are the best way to truly welcome the stranger, which is an Act of Mercy!

Hosanna!

*Hosanna to the Son of David;
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord:*

*hosanna in the highest.
And when he entered Jerusalem,
the whole city was shaken
and asked, "Who is this?"*

*And the crowds replied,
"This is Jesus the prophet,
from Nazareth in Galilee."*

Matthew 21:9-11

Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Domingo de Ramos

6° Domingo de Cuaresma

Hoy, Domingo de Ramos, conmemoramos la entrada triunfal de Cristo a Jerusalén (Mt 21, 1-9), cuando se colocaron ramos a su paso, antes de su arresto el Jueves Santo y su crucifixión el Viernes Santo. Esto marca el inicio de la Semana Santa, última semana de la Cuaresma, y semana en la que los cristianos celebran el misterio de su salvación por la Muerte de Cristo y su Resurrección el Domingo de Pascua. Espero que todos podamos participar bien en las liturgias de la Semana Santa y permitamos que el acto salvífico de Jesús y su amor por nosotros toque nuestras vidas y nos ayude a crecer en nuestro amor por Jesús. Recordando cómo en el pasado reciente, la pandemia afectó negativamente nuestra participación, ¡celebrems juntos la Semana Santa y la Pascua! Por favor, planifique asistir en persona, tengo muchas ganas de celebrar mi última Semana Santa con todos ustedes aquí en STA. El horario de Semana Santa y Pascua está en la página 2.

Semana Santa: ¡Celebrando el Corazón de Todo lo que Creemos!

Mientras celebramos el misterio de nuestra salvación durante esta Semana Santa, me gustaría ofrecerles una guía litúrgica que menciona algunos de los aspectos más destacados de nuestras liturgias y cómo podemos adorar mejor a Dios, permanecer fieles a nuestras directrices litúrgicas e incluir a todos en nuestra comunidad.

El Triduo Pascual comienza con la Misa vespertina de la Última Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo, alcanza su punto culminante en la Vigilia Pascual del Sábado Santo y termina el Domingo de Resurrección. **Por favor dedique tiempo para participar en estas liturgias importantes.** El misterio de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús es una realidad presente; los límites del tiempo, y los límites de la muerte, no tienen poder aquí. Nuestro pasado, presente y futuro están irrevocablemente marcados por nuestra propia inmersión en este misterio a través del bautismo. Reverenciamos la cruz, encendemos el fuego en la noche y proclamamos las historias de nuestra salvación con la conciencia sobrecogida de que esto es lo que significa ser bautizado. La Vigilia Pascual es entonces el momento principal para dar la bienvenida a nuevos miembros a la Iglesia a través del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. En STA, tenemos la bendición de dar la bienvenida a cuatro catecúmenos: Wenge (Wendy) Li, Evis Li, Lucas Lisiecki, Virginia Amann como nuevos miembros de la Iglesia con nosotros en esta Vigilia Pascual! Además estamos dando la bienvenida a 3 candidatos a la plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica a través de la Eucaristía y la Confirmación: Wendell Lake, Sam Schneider, Deanna Zimmerman, y Lindsay Harmon. Habrá dos adultos católicos que estarán completando los sacramentos de iniciación: Jesús Enrique Contreras Piña y Marian Celeste Márquez Parra. Además, una niña (Annalia), y un infante (Phillip) serán bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual. Son hijos de dos de los candidatos y también serán iniciados en la Iglesia junto con sus padres. La presencia, el tiempo y la

energía de cada persona de la comunidad son necesarios para lo que hacemos en nuestra parroquia en estos tres días. Sí, esto puede ser inconveniente, ¡pero el nacimiento y la muerte raramente son convenientes! Nuestros cuarenta días de oración, ayuno y donaciones nos conducen al Triduo, más allá de su historia, hacia su misterio.

Funerales durante el Triduo

Las Misas de funerales no pueden celebrarse el Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo, el Sábado Santo ni el Domingo de Resurrección. Existen varias opciones. Las familias pueden optar por retrasar los servicios hasta después del Domingo de Resurrección. O pueden tener una liturgia fúnebre fuera del contexto de la Misa, proceder con el entierro, y celebrar una Misa conmemorativa después de la Pascua. De este modo, se pueden tener en cuenta tanto las necesidades de los dolientes como las de la iglesia en general durante este tiempo sagrado del año.

Presentación de los Óleos

Para cumplir con las directrices del Consejo de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, tendremos una recepción de los óleos consagrados y bendecidos en la Misa Crismal en la mañana del Jueves Santo justo antes de la Misa del Jueves Santo a las 7 p.m. Los óleos, en vasijas adecuadas, serán llevados en procesión por miembros de la asamblea representando a aquellos que serán bendecidos con los óleos a lo largo del año: Los enfermos (Óleo de los enfermos), los bautizados (Óleo del catecúmeno) y los confirmados (Óleo crismal).

Ritual del Lavatorio de Pies en la Misa del Jueves Santo



Un reciente decreto emitido por el Vaticano en 2016 especifica que el ritual del Lavatorio de pies del Jueves Santo puede incluir, "a todos los miembros del pueblo de Dios." El decreto vino directamente del Papa Francisco y establece que los pastores ahora pueden elegir "un pequeño grupo de fieles para representar la variedad y la unidad de cada parte del pueblo de Dios". Estos pequeños grupos pueden estar formados por hombres y mujeres, y es conveniente que estén constituidos por personas jóvenes y ancianas, sanas y enfermas, clérigos, consagrados y consagradas, y laicos. El portavoz del Vaticano, el padre jesuita Federico Lombardi, dijo a los periodistas que, aunque tradicionalmente se seleccionaban 12 hombres para representar a los 12 apóstoles, el significado del rito representa el amor incondicional de Jesús. Con el nuevo decreto, él dijo, que el Papa ha querido que "esta dimensión del gesto del amor de Cristo por todos" sea el centro de atención y no sólo una representación de la Última Cena". Con este fin, seguiremos recogiendo este espíritu de nuestro Santo Padre e incluiremos un Ritual de Lavatorio de Pies que incluya a doce representantes de nuestra familia parroquial para significar el amor incondicional de Jesús por todos y la inspiración para que amemos y sirvamos a los demás como Jesús nos ha mostrado.

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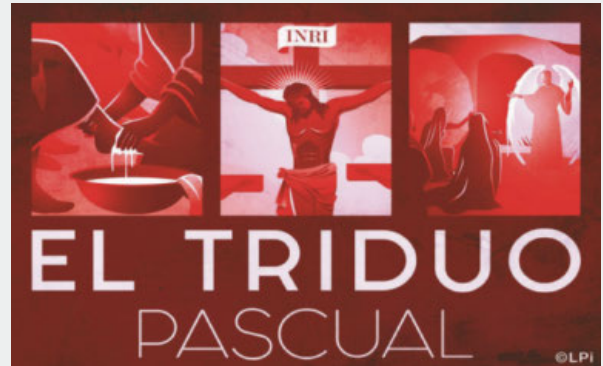
Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento después de la Misa del Jueves Santo

Después de nuestra Misa de Jueves Santo, el Santísimo Sacramento se colocara en un tabernáculo cerrado en un altar de reposo, donde se exhorta a los fieles a participar en la Adoración Eucarística hasta las 10:00 p.m. Esta es una gran oportunidad para la oración al adentrarnos al día más solemne, Viernes Santo, y paralelo a los discípulos velando con Jesús en el jardín de Getsemaní después de la Última Cena y antes de su detención. **Utilizaremos el recién remodelado Salón Social para nuestro Altar de Reposo.** Esto permitirá a toda nuestra congregación procesar con el Santísimo Sacramento desde la iglesia y pasar tiempo en Adoración en un área cómoda y espaciosa. Si usted planea asistir a la Adoración y llegar después de la Misa, por favor entre por las puertas principales de la iglesia.

Veneración de la Santa Cruz el Viernes Santo

En años pasados era costumbre local en nuestra parroquia tener múltiples crucifijos para la veneración de la Cruz, debido al gran número de asistentes. El servicio del Viernes Santo supera ya los 90 minutos. Creo que alargar el servicio de Viernes Santo iría en detrimento del número de asistentes. Hay algunos que asistirían a una Misa por más larga que fuera, pero otros, debido a los horarios, el trabajo y las familias con niños pequeños, lo pasan mal cuando las Misas se alargan demasiado. Según la Instrucción General del Misal Romano, no está permitido el uso de varios crucifijos: "Las rúbricas nos recuerdan que debe usarse 'una sola Cruz' para la adoración". Las rúbricas exhortan a que, en

lugares con un gran número de personas, el sacerdote eleve la cruz y, con pocas palabras, invite a los fieles a adorarla desde sus bancos. A mí esto no me parece una buena opción. Con el fin de seguir las rúbricas, permitir que TODOS los presentes pasen al frente, y mantener nuestro servicio a una longitud adecuada para todos los miembros de la comunidad, nuestro personal STA y yo hemos llegado a una buena solución que hemos estado utilizando desde antes de la pandemia y creo que funciona muy bien. Formaremos cuatro filas muy parecidas a las filas habituales para la comunión y cuatro personas venerarán la cruz al mismo tiempo, cada fila tocara una herida de Cristo. Esto mantendrá las filas en movimiento, permitirá a todos venerar, y se usará sólo una cruz. Si hay personas que desean besar la cruz o dedicar más tiempo a venerarla, pueden hacerlo después del servicio de Viernes Santo. Este año hemos pospuesto la decoración para la Vigilia Pascual hasta el sábado, así permitiremos que la feligresía pueda orar tranquila y privadamente en nuestra iglesia el Viernes Santo por la tarde.



Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Matthew 26:14-27:66

Ashes and Palms. Palm Sunday is a chance to look back at our journey through Lent to see in what ways we used the ashes of Ash Wednesday as fertilizer to grow in our faith and love. Our Palm Sunday Mass is a two-parter. We have the glorious entrance into Jerusalem and the waving of the palms. But then we switch directions. We hear the Passion of Jesus Christ that will lead to his crucifixion. The people who once cried, "Hallelujah" now cry, "Crucify Him." Today's feast is an opportunity for us to look forward to this week of passion, death, and resurrection. It is a chance for us to look at our own lives, not only to see what growth our Lenten ashes have brought to us, but also to see in what ways we still have to die with Christ so that we may one day rise with him.

One way to do so is to look forward to the Triduum, those three most holy days of the Church calendar, and use their themes to reflect upon how they can help us grow from the ashes. On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave us his body and blood to feed us, to provide us with that essential nourishment we need. In our own lives, how do we feed others, both physically and spiritually? On Good Friday, Jesus sacrificed himself to save us. In what ways do we give of ourselves to enable others to reach heaven? On Easter, Jesus rose from the dead, bringing both joy and hope to his disciples. How do we enkindle joy and hope in others? How do we evangelize?

For evangelization is one of the key elements of the feast of Palm Sunday. The ashes of Ash Wednesday and the disciplines of Lent have helped the seeds of God's Word flourish in our lives. We are then called to evangelize, to be like the joyous throng in our Procession Gospel to acclaim Jesus as our king through our words and actions. We are to hand to others the living palm of faith, so that they, too, can join the multitude that follow Jesus, even through pain and suffering, to ultimate salvation.

Tributes to Timmerman

As Fr. Bart has shared, this July he will be moving on to serve a new pastorate and bring joy, laughter and wisdom to his new community in Beloit. The news is bittersweet, but we know he's destined to touch the lives of many! Each week, please enjoy an article from a member of the STA staff- a fun memory, a letter of thanks or an example of one of the many ways Fr. Bart has positively impacted their own lives. Enjoy!

It's Been an Honor & Privilege

by Holly Irving, Discipleship & Development Director

I am honored to have had the opportunity and privilege to join Father Bart in ministering to the people of God for the past 10 years. He is such a great person to work with and someone who has taught me a lot. Fr. Bart is sincere and concerned about everyone. When he came to St. Thomas Aquinas and found out I visited the people who cannot come to Mass, he said to me, "I want to meet everyone who is homebound." The homebound are alone and it is so important to them to have Fr. Bart visit them, bring them Holy Communion, and show his love and concern for them.

When someone is at the end of life, Fr. Bart makes it a priority to go and anoint the person and be with the family. He always wants to make sure the person who is at the end of life is anointed before they go to their heavenly home and comfort the family. I don't think I have ever met a priest who put others before himself and cares so much about God's people as Fr. Bart does.

He has connected with our senior parishioners by establishing Happy Hour at All Saints. They loved seeing him and talking with him. It was another way he connected them to the parish.

Fr. Bart always makes people feel special. Travis Turcott always wanted Fr. Bart to share the medals he won with the congregation. Fr. Bart decided we should have a special event for persons with disabilities so they could share their accomplishments! This day was a big hit for everyone.

He always takes the time to thank people. It is a simple gesture, but a gesture that makes people feel special and valued.

I always think of him and his love of laughter. The staff and Fr. Bart have spent many hours laughing and enjoying one another's company.

Fr. Bart, I am really going to miss you, and I know our parish family feels the same. We are extremely lucky to have had you as our shepherd these past 10 years. Please know that you are loved and cherished! We wish you all the happiness! May God Bless you!



Help us create a memory book for Fr. Bart – include your own message!

Visit the link below or scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to add a message that will be included in a memory book of photos and letters from St. Thomas Aquinas members.

Add your memory, thank you note, or message of appreciation to our memory book that we will gift to Fr. Bart to take with him to his new home in Beloit when he moves this July.

In order to include as many messages as possible, please keep your note brief. One message per family please. **Submit your message by May 15th.**

LINK TO LEAVE MESSAGE:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stabook>



Justice & Peace and Outreach

Care for God's Creation

As we approach the holiest of weeks, let us consider the lifestyle changes we have made during our Lenten Fast for Creation Care and pray for our continued commitment to those actions, and more, to preserve God's great gift of creation.

Reflect

We need not only appreciate the gifts of earth, water, and air, but learn to care for them. If we simply fear climate change and planetary destruction, it freezes our creativity. But the good news is that many solutions are already in place, and much practical work lies ahead. Fatalism paralyzes; hope energizes.



Pray

Creator God,
Help us find Your signature
In sky and sea, field and forest.
Teach us how to care for
Your creation.

Act

Using St. Francis' "Song of the Sun," reflect on each phrase. Start with "Praised be my Lord God with all creatures; and especially our brother the sun..." Ideally, walk outside, being grateful for creatures and sun. If that's impossible, reflect gratefully indoors.



Vote—April 4!

We are called to be faithful citizens, exercise our right and responsibility to vote and vote our con-

science. There are many issues on the ballot including the Wisconsin Supreme Court election, mayoral, city council and local school board elections, as well as referenda items.

Please pray about this election, educate yourself, and make time to vote on Tuesday, April 4.

To find your polling place, please visit

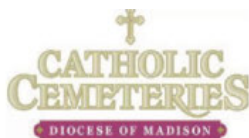
<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place>

Do you own cemetery property?

Resurrection Cemetery at 2705 Regent Street, Madison offers graves, niches, vaults, monuments, Trappist caskets, and vases.

Our regular office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am to 4pm. Since we are often busy with funerals, it is best to call 608.238.5561 for an appointment.

You can also browse available property at:
www.madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.



April 16
9:30AM-1 PM

If you are interested in helping cook or serve, please sign up online at
stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842
or contact Stella at
stella.castellino1026@gmail.com



Sharing Sunday
Bring in items
April 15-16



The Chosen Continues!

The STA small study group, Skein of Geese, continues to show "The Chosen" **Season 3 on Fridays after morning Mass at 9:15am.**

There are two weeks left:
Friday, March 31
SKIP Good Friday
Friday, April 14 (last day)

MCWC Luncheon—April 18

Madison Catholic Woman's Club invites all women of the Diocese to attend

April 18th Luncheon

St Bernard's Parish, 2015 Parmenter St, Middleton

10:40 Rosary

11:00 Mass celebrated by Father Wilke

12:00 Luncheon

12.30 Speaker: Tim Chapman, Director of the Youth Apostolate, will speak on the newly aligned apostolate and how the youth of our diocese are being evangelized to become future leaders of the Church.

Paid reservation of \$25.00 must be received by Tuesday, April 11 either online at madisoncatholicwomensclub.org or by mail to Theresa Urzagaste, 4410 Rolla Lane, Madison 53711.

For questions, please contact Theresa at 608 616-5251.

Discipleship & Development

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit the Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Resources for Human Needs

SVdP Conference: St. Vincent du Paul Conference
(food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities)
Phone messages only 608-205-8276

momhelps.org: Middleton Outreach Ministry
(food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)

womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html: Women's Care Center
(counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)

catholiccharitiesofmadison.org: Catholic Charities
(adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)

cmcmadison.org: Catholic Multicultural Center
(meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)

abuseintervention.org: Domestic Abuse Intervention Service
(crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)

silentnomoreawareness.org: Abortion recovery help and awareness campaign

hopeafterabortion.com: Project Rachel
(resources for abortion recovery)

Madison Al-Anon Hotline: for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-258-0314—confidential and anonymous

elizabethhousedane.org: Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County
(residential maternity and parenting program)

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255

National Hotline for Sex Trafficking: phone 1-888-373-7888
or text "help" to 233733

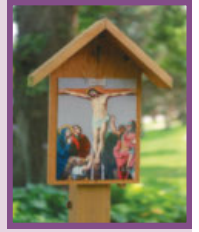
Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross

(no incense)

Tuesday, April 4 6:00 PM

All Masses are Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook



Reconciliation During Lent

Tuesday: April 4 6-7 PM

2023 Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 1: 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM en Español

April 2: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Monday of Holy Week

April 3: 8:30 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 4: 5:30 PM

Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

Last Confessions: 6:00–7:00 PM

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 5: 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday

April 6: No 7:30 AM Mass

Diocesan Chrism Mass:

St Maria Goretti 10:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
(Adoration after Mass until 10:00 PM)

Good Friday

April 7: No 8:30 AM Mass
1:00 PM and 3:30 PM *en Español*

Easter Vigil

April 8: 8:00 PM
(incense, *bilingual/bilingüe*)

No Saturday 4:30 PM or 6:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday

April 9: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (incense)
(Overflow seating in the Social Hall
w/livestream and Communion)

Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family

Young Adults

After Easter

we will meet in the Youth Room at STA
and will continue talking about
the Lenten Sunday readings.

There will be food and fellowship.
Come join us, spread the word, and invite others!

NOTE: Young adults are those
who are single or married ages 18-35.

Pro-Life Wisconsin Prayer Card Art Contest

Love painting, drawing, photography, or graphic design? Submit your artwork for a chance to win the 2023 Pro-Life Wisconsin Art Contest for your grade. Winning entries will be printed as a prayer card and distributed in your church and through PLW.

The contest is open now through May 1, 2023!
Learn more at ProLifeWI.org/prayer-card-contest.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training for Level 1 (ages 3-6)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi seventy years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide *and is currently being used at our own church, St. Thomas Aquinas*. This course will ground the participant in the theory and praxis of CGS while also concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year old children.

More catechists are needed at STA!



Level 1, Part A Dates:
April 14-16 & 28-30, 2023
9:00 am—4:30 pm

St. Patrick Church
305 Lincoln St.
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Tuition is \$185

**For more information and
to register online:**

[www.madisondiocese.org/
catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd](http://www.madisondiocese.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd)



*Middle & High School Youth Sessions
are for ALL students, not just the confirmed.
Come in and join us any time.*

High School

April 2 & 9-NO CLASS

Middle School

April 5-NO CLASS

Preschool & Elementary

April 4&5-NO CLASS

April 11&12, 18&19, 25&26

Faith Formation Office

608-833-2606 or formation@stamadison.org
Follow us on Instagram: [@sta_youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/sta_youth_ministry)

Celebrating Families!

Do you have a special wedding anniversary coming up next month? We'd like to celebrate your commitment with you. If you are celebrating a five-year milestone anniversary (5,10,15, 20, etc.) send us a wedding picture and a recent photo as well. We would like to include you in our video updates that we play before Mass on the second weekend each month. Your joy is our joy!

Pictures can be emailed to Pastoral Associate, Erik Gyr,
erik@stamadison.org,
or we can scan your portraits that you bring to the office.



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- ◆ *Holy Week* by Dr. Brant Pitre
- ◆ *The Last Supper* by Dr. Brant Pitre
- ◆ *Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*
- ◆ *The Agony in the Garden* with Dr. Tim Gray
- ◆ *The Passion According to St. Luke*
- ◆ *Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

4:30 PM Melanie Ertz ☩

6:30 PM Abelardo Rojas Corona ☩

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Bernice Broihahn ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, April 3

8:30 AM Leland Lemens ☩

Tuesday, April 4

5:30 PM Pope Benedict XVI ☩

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 AM Lina Maria Vergara ☩

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Andrea Garcia ☩

Friday, April 7 Good Friday

1:00 PM

Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday

8:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Deceased Family Members of
Caroline Robinson ☩

10:00 AM Connie Zwettler ☩

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,
23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

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

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6,15,17/Jn 13:21-33,
36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34/
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,16-18/1
Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25/
Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35
/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5,8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/
Ex 15:1-6,17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/
Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 42:3,5; 43:3-4/
Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,400,000	\$405,000
2023 Year TOTALS	\$356,022	\$111,318
Week 1 3/5/2023	\$18,123	\$3,129
Week 2 3/12/2023	\$12,197	\$505
Week 3 3/19/2023	\$18,923	\$1,965
Week 4 3/26/2023	\$10,200	\$940
March ACH 3/28/2023	\$42,276	\$6,365
March 2023 Totals	\$101,718	\$12,904
March 2023 Goals	\$132,000	\$15,000

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

Counter Schedule

Monday, April 3:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, April 10:

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Administrative Offices CLOSED April 10

Prayers

April 2nd

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

For all those receiving hospice care:
May the care they receive bear witness
to the gift of their lives;
We pray to the Lord.

For all who have denied their belief in Jesus:
May they embrace their faith, ask for forgiveness
and experience God's mercy;
We pray to the Lord.

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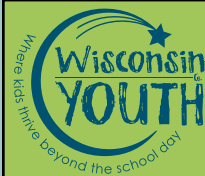


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