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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

MARCH 28, 2021

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Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

11:40 am and 1:15 pm

Confessions

Lower Level of the Church

No reservation required.

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Devotions

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St. Anthony Devotions

After the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm

Masses.

Office Hours

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9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

10:30 am until 4:30 pm

Church Hours

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., March 28:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Mon., March 22:** Monday of Holy Week
- Tues., March 23:** Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wed., March 24:** Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thurs., March 25:** Thursday of Holy Week
- Fri., March 26:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- Sat., March 27:** Holy Saturday

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
March 14-20 Total	\$ 2,058
Difference	\$. - 9,942

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



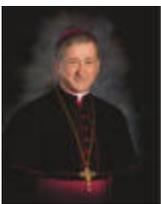
On Tuesday, March 16, I was shocked to hear a news report that a man had shot and killed eight people in the Atlanta, Georgia area. Six of those killed were Asian-American women who all were working to support their families.

The senseless killing of anyone is shocking enough but that the man who murdered these people targeted only Asian establishments and travelled to three different places raises fear of increasing racist attacks upon others. In recent months a number of elderly Asians and Asian-Americans have been attacked, pushed to the ground and injured in unprovoked attacks upon these innocent people due to their race.

Though our country has experienced racism and xenophobia in varying degrees of seriousness from the beginning of the country, in the past couple of years we have seen an increase of intolerance, hate attacks and racist behaviors. As a nation we pride ourselves on accepting many people, tolerating different views and being open to new ideas and experiences. That we have made great progress over the past decades in our acceptance of many people who might be different than us, is true. However, we still have a long way to go in following Jesus's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

When elderly people are pushed to the ground without any provocation by cowardly younger people, as a number of men and women have been recently in San Francisco, Oakland, New York and other cities. When civil authorities, sports commentators, internet pundits routinely disparage others because of race, ethnicity or culture then we must admit that racism has reared its ugly head in the public forum.

As a believing Catholic and clergy man of our Church I find the recent surge in racist behavior to be very troubling and abhorrent to everything we say we believe as Catholics. If we say we are the people who respect life, who promote the God-given dignity of all people then we need to ask ourselves what more must we do to promote respect for all people. For surely these recent racist attacks and attitudes are totally at odds with what we profess we believe in as Catholics.



On Thursday, March 18 Cardinal Cupich issued a statement regarding the Atlanta area shootings. He wrote:

To our brothers and sisters in the Asian-American community, please know the Archdiocese of Chicago and the whole church stand with you in this moment of grief and

horror. We pray for the victims of the Atlanta shootings and their loved ones.

A recent study found that from 2019 to 2020 anti-Asian hate crimes increased 150% — even while hate crimes in general dropped 7% over the same period. This is intolerable. We pray for all who suffer racist violence and hate speech. There can be no place for either in our society, and it is incumbent on all of us to resist language, culture and acts that denigrate Asian Americans and all people of color — because they have deadly consequences. We must be ever vigilant against words that inspire acts of hate — this responsibility is even greater for elected officials.

When people make racist comments or jokes, it normalizes bigotry, reinforces racism and risks encouraging those who would commit hate crimes. It is incumbent on all Christians, all Americans, to resist subtle and overt acts of bigotry, to build up the common good through acts of love for all our neighbors, near and far.



On Saturday, March 20 Cardinal Wilton Gregory (who was raised here in Chicago) and is now Archbishop of Washington, DC participated in a forum, "Open Wide our Hearts; The Enduring Call to love - Confronting the Sin of Racism" with the Bishop of Alexandria, Virginia. Cardinal Gregory said, "... that racism is only able to survive if there is ignorance."

He spoke of the need to engage with those different than us so that we might come to a deeper understanding of one another. You can watch the entire forum with Cardinal Wilton Gregory and others on [YouTube](#). Just enter the title, "Open Wide our Hearts; The Enduring Call to love - Confronting the Sin of Racism" to watch the Mass celebrated before the Forum and then followed by a number of talks and discussion in the Forum.

As we begin our journey once again in this Holy Week 2021 with Christ, I encourage everyone to attend as many services as possible this week. Whether here at St. Peter's, Holy Name Cathedral, Assumption, Old Saint Mary's or another parish please try to journey with the Lord in a special way this year with Jesus through his Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Today, Palm Sunday, we recall how the large crowds welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem, palm branches swaying and folks shouting his name and greeting him loudly. But as we will hear in the Passion story that is read at Mass, the crowds

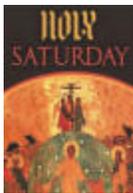
quickly turned on Christ's message of love and equality for all. The adoring fans of Jesus on Palm Sunday swiftly turned violent when he called them to live honestly the message of his Heavenly Father. Even the very men Jesus had chosen to carry on his message, run away from him when faced with following Christ and deny even knowing Jesus.



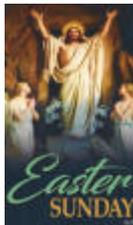
On Holy Thursday we recall the gift Jesus left to his disciples and all of us who over the centuries profess the name, Catholic; that of his own life, his body and blood in the Eucharist.



On Good Friday we remember God who became human like us dying on the Cross for the salvation of everyone who accepts his invitation to eternal life. On Good Friday we also take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Since the time of St. Francis the Franciscans have taken care of and ministered at the Holy Places in Israel. The friars also minister to the Palestinian Catholics in the Middle East.



On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil we light the Easter candle, renew our Baptismal Promises and celebrate Christ's resurrection and his promise that we too will rise from the dead and live forever with him and all the saints in heaven.

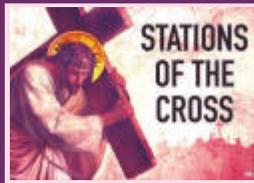


On Easter Sunday we proclaim to all the world that Jesus conquered the darkness of death. We will pray at Mass, *"O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's*

Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen"

You will find in today's bulletin the Holy Week Schedule. Hopefully, we will see you at the services this week. May we all pray during this Holy Week for an end to the violence of our times, deeper understanding between all people and a pathway to end racism and fear of others in our day.

Fr. Michael



Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent

Good Friday
April 2 - 5 pm

Reservation required.
Call 312-372-5111 to reserve a space.



St. Peter's Church Holy Week Schedule 2021

Please call 312-372-5111 to
reserve a space at all Masses
and Stations of the Cross.

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Church Open: 8:30 am until 12:15 pm
Church Office: Closed

Mass & Blessing of the Palms: 9:00 am &
11:00 am

March 29-31 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Church Open: 10:30 am until 3 pm

Masses: 11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Confessions: 10:30 am until 3:00 pm

April 1 - Holy Thursday

Church Open: 10:30 am until 6:00 pm

Confessions: 10:30 am until 12:00 pm

12:15 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration after Mass until 3 pm

5:15 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

No Adoration after Mass

Church closes after Mass

April 2 - Good Friday

Church Open: 11:30 am until 5:30 pm

12:15 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:15 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

April 3 - Holy Saturday

Church Open: 6:15 pm, Closes after 7 pm Mass

Church Office: Closed

7:00 pm: Solemn Vigil of the
Lord's Resurrection

April 4 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Church Open: 8:30 am until 12:15 pm

Church Office: Closed

Easter Masses: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

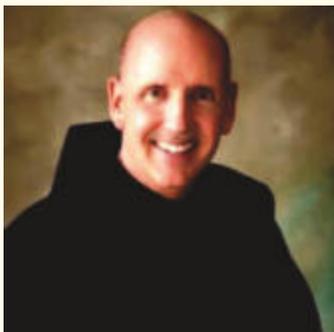


GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has asked churches throughout the USA 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. There will be designated collection boxes in the back of church for you to make your donation.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. 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.

For more information about Christians and the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



St. Peter's Church ZOOM Mass Sundays at 5 pm

Fr. Ed Shea OFM
celebrates Mass every
Sunday at 5:00 pm via
ZOOM.

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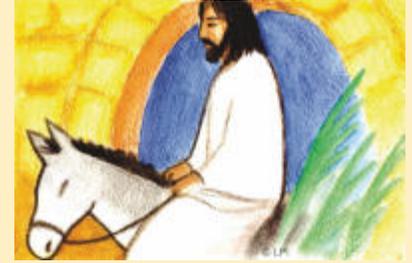
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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Isa. 50:4-7

I suppose we should have seen it coming. A star athlete in high school, Jesse quit the team when it became evident that the school was more focused on winning than on encouraging students to enjoy the sport. Her coach was not happy but Jesse was more interested in the integrity of the sport than in how much money it could make for the school. And so the die was cast.



Graduating at the top of her class Jesse went on to college, choosing a school where social concern and a concentration on the values of citizenship were integral to its mission. Jesse blossomed and, again, graduated at the top of her class. Her family was delighted. They looked forward to their daughter embarking on a career that would bring her both financial success and personal satisfaction. And for the next year or two Jesse did her best to fulfill their expectations. She took a job that required passing exacting exams – and she passed them with flying colors. But something was missing. Her training and education had prepared Jesse for service. She felt isolated and alone in her tiny cubicle, trapped by a system focused on financial success while, in her heart, she felt certain she was being called to more.

And so Jesse moved on again, eventually taking a job defending the rights of workers and minorities who had no one else to speak for them. Here, too, Jesse rose quickly to the top in her field. But this time it was different. Now the woman who had previously been the star money-maker and recipient of much praise found herself despised and rejected – often by the very same people who had previously supported her! Jesse had become the antithesis of what much of the consumerist society around her believed in and it wasn't winning her any popularity contests.

God had given Jesse a “well-trained tongue” that she might “speak to the weary,” but as often happens to those who follow this path, Jesse, too, now found herself “buffeted and spit upon.” Jesse had found her voice. I suppose we should have seen it coming.

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



St. Peter's Church
Lenten Reflections

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Why Did God Become Human?
Primacy and Pre-destination of Christ
Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.



The Passion and Death of Jesus
through the Story of the Shroud of Turin
Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, O.F.M.



Spiritual Direction is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between **10:30 am and 3 pm.**

To contact Sr. Fran email:
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Next Session Begins April 16
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ANGELS IN THE BIBLE

The Bible is full of passages in which angelic beings are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgement. In *Angels in the Bible*, George Sigma examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God.

Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included in the 6 lessons. Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D. will facilitate the ZOOM sessions.

Before tuning into the Little Rock ZOOM live sessions, registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:
Fridays, **12:00 pm-1:00 pm OR 5:00 pm-6:00 pm**
April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14 and 21
Program Fee of **\$12** is payable by cash or check includes book. To register, please contact Jo Ann Bednar at **312-853-2376** or email joannstpeters@gmail.com.



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HOLY WEEK HOURS

Palm Sunday, March 28: 8:30 am-12:15 pm

Mon.-Wed., March 29-31: 10:30 am-2:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1: 10:30 am-3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2: 11:30 am-3:00 pm

Closed Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

REGULAR HOURS

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 2:30 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:15 pm

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VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP



Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM a member of the staff of St. Peter's and a Vietnam Veteran is in the process of developing a non-denominational group of men and women Veterans, "who come together (at this time due to the COVID virus via e-mail, Zoom, etc.) to raise each other up and support one another, helping each other to move through the obstacles that life throws at folks like us."

If you would like further information you may contact Fr. Ed at:

friared@hotmail.com

A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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