



SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m.

Holy Days and holidays as published in Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29

6:30 a.m. Ray & Marie Austermann +

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 a.m. Fr. Francis J. Burshnick +
(8:15 a.m. Bill & Mary Mills +)*

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 a.m. David Herleth +

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Deceased Priests of St. Margaret

Saturday, April 3

8:00 p.m. Wayne & Tuck Loui +

Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Meyer Family
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

* For the safe health of our students attending these Masses, they are not open to the public.

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

Please note **no** Eucharist Adoration on Holy Thursday, April 1. We will resume Eucharist Adoration on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Church.

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TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Chiara Immaculata Keys** daughter of , Alia and Timothy Keys and **Lucas Scott Thornton** son of Jamie and Jacob Thornton. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their child. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Triduum begins with Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. (no morning Mass)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.
Triduum continues with commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Triduum concludes with Easter vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

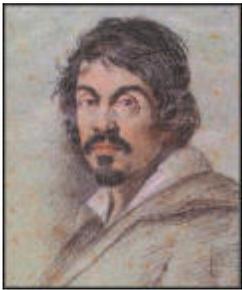
8:00 a.m. Mass & 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please go to the parish website or use the link you received in our weekly e-newsletter to sign-up for one of the three weekend Masses.



BY FR. MATT O'TOOLE

Almost from the moment he left Milan for Rome in 1592 at the age of 20, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610) was in trouble with the law. Hardly a year went by without him being hauled before the courts on some count or other, whether it was throwing a dish of artichokes at a waiter, libeling a rival artist or a physical assault. In the early 1600s the violence escalated, until in 1606 he was charged with murder and was obliged to spend the last four years of his life on the run.



Caravaggio had a Roman patron, Ciriaco Mattei, who commissioned *The Taking of the Christ* in 1602. The choice of subject was a stroke of genius. Caravaggio knew all about arrests. The picture's composition may have been inspired by Albrecht Dürer's *The Betrayal of Christ*, but the psychological observation is Caravaggio's own. In Dürer's version, Christ meekly accepts the traitor's kiss and His hands hang limply. But in Caravaggio's, He turns away as Judas' face invades His personal space and His fingers, clasped in prayer, are bent back so hard you can almost hear the knuckles crack. In this moment, in the face of Our Lord, Judas realizes the terrible sin he has committed. Both Jesus and Judas are bathed in the heavenly light and framed by the armored arm of the soldier and the swirling drapery of the red fabric behind.

In the background, on the left of Christ, St. John shouts for help but is dragged back by a soldier grabbing his cloak, while to the right a swarthy bystander holds up a lantern, craning his neck for a better view. Caravaggio has inserted his self-portrait as the artist throwing light on the scene on the far right side. "I've been there," he seems to be saying. "I know what I'm painting about, and I'll illuminate it for the rest of you."

In the tradition of an Ignatian spiritual exercise, we too could insert ourselves into any scene from the gospel. As Holy Week unfolds, consider yourself as one of the characters or just one of the observers to the drama that befalls Jesus or His disciples. Like Caravaggio, allow the events of your life or the interior space of your soul to interact with the scene and to fill the canvas of the story. The account of our redemption has the power



to resonate with our individual lives as it did for Caravaggio. May the rituals and liturgies of this most important time of our Church year pull you in and bring you close to our Lord.

Rev. Matthew O'Toole

PALM SUNDAY, 2021

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Gathering Hymn

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Martin Hellriegel

To Jesus Christ, our sovereign King, who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring, and thanks and adoration.

REFRAIN Christ Jesus Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Your reign extend, O King benign, to ev'ry land and nation;
For in your Kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation. *REFRAIN*

To you, and to your church, great King, we pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before your throne we sing in endless jubilation. *REFRAIN*

The Blessing of Branches

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. 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.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ.**

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness, our Savior and our King.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Psallite

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (My God.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

PFH

Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (Lord Jesus Christ).

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.

Available on a separate handout

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.

Preparation of the Gifts

There Is a Balm in Gilead

African American spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Mass Setting

Mass for Christian Unity, Jan Vermulst

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; ... grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

Bread of the World

Paul Tate

REFRAIN Bread of the world, in, mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

Closing Hymn

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep us near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

REFRAIN In the cross, in the cross be our glory ever,
Till our raptured souls shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before us;
Help us walk from day to day with its shadows o'er us. *To REFRAIN*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Palm Sunday is the only day on which our liturgy offers two separate Gospel readings. And they couldn't be more different.

The First Gospel is proclaimed in the opening rite at which the palms are blessed. It recounts the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem: a parade that creates an atmosphere of great excitement. I imagine it must have been something like opening day at the ballpark. Then the Liturgy of the Word unfolds: Isaiah's Suffering Servant and the great hymn from Philippians chapter two prepare us to hear the Passion account. We encounter the full gamut of



BY PETER FISHER HESED

human emotions.

And we are led to the cross: the central scandal of Christianity, the ultimate symbol of our faith. Throughout history, and still in our own time, some have rejected, even ridiculed Christ as a failure. We may have met people who cling to an edited or sanitized version of Christian faith – shocked or embarrassed by the dark, bloody stuff. This certainly isn't the way we would have written the script.

We might prefer to look past the unpleasantness of the Passion and focus solely on the Resurrection. But if we do so we risk missing the deep reality: these are aspects of the *same* mystery. Our Jesuit friend, the late John Kavanaugh, posed this question in his writings:

Could a God truly love and heal us, all so burdened with sin and its weight of death, if that God, too, had not been filled somehow with sorrow, even to the point of death?

USHERS NEEDED AT MASSES

As the weather improves and progress is made against the pandemic, we are seeing larger assemblies at Mass. It is wonderful for more of our community to be able to gather for the Eucharist. But larger numbers also require additional vigilance and assistance so that we can maintain the excellent safety standards to which we're committed.

We are regrouping with our experienced ushers, but we also would benefit from additional volunteers. If you would be willing to serve at church, or work on the organization of the ministry group, please email Peter Hesed at phesed@stmargaretstl.org.



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