ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2023 | PALM SUNDAY

"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

Mt 21:9

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 am-5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

VIGIL 5:00 pm

SUNDAY 7:00 am 9:00 am ► 11:00 am 1:00 pm

DAILY MASS MONDAY & FRIDAY 8:15 am, 12:10 pm

> TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY 8:15 am

ADORATION

TUESDAY Noon-9:00 pm

PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY-FRIDAY Noon-2:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 6:00-7:00 pm

SATURDAY 8:45-10:00 am or by appointment

Livestream on church website

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Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum–Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28) While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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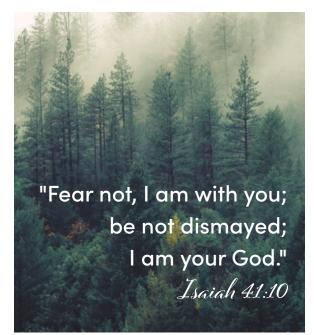
Collections Report

March 19, 2023	\$48,056.00
Last year: Mar. 20, 2022	\$43,445.00
Surplus	\$4,611.00
Surplus %	10.61%

Year-to-Date Collections Through Week 37 of Fiscal Year						
2022-2023	\$2,200,588.30					
2021-2022	\$2,187,248.97					
Surplus	\$13,339.33					
Surplus %	0.61%					

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

GIVE to (832) 720-7360.



We pray for the sick and the homebound, especially:

Lambert Brune Bob Bayse Carolyn Widaski Phil Widaski Mark Ferttita Regina Norman Lynda Isensee Jo Ann Sellingsloh

We pray for those who have recently died, especially:

Barbara Broussard Bill Paulea Betty Sitz Dolezal

If you are ill or know someone who is ill or who passed away, please contact Ann Cashiola at <u>acashiola@stmichaelchurch.net</u> or (713) 403-4161.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

SUN	April 2	5:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i> 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	 + Edward Kyrish Madison O'Hara John and Mary Margerite Fulton + Clara Delle Thompson + Charles Schoppe Lynn Yaudes + Genevieve and Edouard Kosmala + Lupe Fraga People of the Parish 	Procession: Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	THE WORD Gospel at the Procession
MON	April	8:15 am 12:10 pm	 + Joseph and Kathy Roggenbuck + Emmanuel Tioseco + Maria Gabriela Burgos + Charles Corrado 	ls 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11		with Palms Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"
TUES	April 4	8:15 am	+ Thomas Francis Samson + Robert Hricko	ls 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38		First Reading The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted. Responsorial Psalm
WED	April 5	8:15 am	Souls in Purgatory + Rosalie Beniretto	ls 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21- 22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25		A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers
THURS	April 6	8:15 am 7:00 pm	No Mass Priests of the Parish	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15- 16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	HOLY THURSDAY	Second Reading Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.
FRI	April 7	8:15 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm	No Mass Live Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	ls 52:13–53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1–19:42	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	Gospel Reading Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. <i>Source: <u>loyolapress.com</u></i>
SAT	April 8	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Newly Baptized and Confirmed		EASTER VIGIL	HYMNS Gathering Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
SUN	April 9	7:00 am 9:00 am 🗩 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Keibler Family Huguette Campbell + Angelita Escobar + Winston Fernandez + Betty Jo Kuciemba Lovey and Elizabeth Lukose + Robert C. Torres Orlando Teran	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Easter Sequence Jn 20:1-9	RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE MASS OF EASTER DAY	Preparation of the Gifts "O Sacred Head Surrounded" Communion "We Remember" and "Tree of Life" Closing Hymn
						Silence

St. Michael's Youth Faith Formation LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS MEDITATION

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS PROFOUND, PRAYERFUL MEDITATION PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH

The Church doors will open at 11:45am

Good Friday, April 7th, 2023

12PM

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." – JOHN 3:16

> St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Easter Egg Hunt

You are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Date: Easter Sunday, April 9th Time: After the 9 & 11am Masses <u>ONLY</u> Where: School Field Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters of America & Knights of Columbus Facilitated by: YFF & CFF

Please bring your Easter Basket!

PALM SUNDAY

NEWS & EVENTS

DAILY MASS OF HOLY WEEK Monday–Wednesday at 8:15am Monday at 12:10pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Tuesday April 4, 12:00pm until 4:00pm. No Confessions.

CHRISM MASS WITH CARDINAL DINARDO: TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 7:00 pm at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

HOLY THURSDAY: APRIL 6, 2023

No Morning Mass 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Aadoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Evening Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 7, 20223

No Morning Mass 12:00 pm Noon "Live Stations" of the Cross 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 8, 2023

No Morning Mass, No Confessions 8:00 pm Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday Mass APRIL 9, 2023

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Overflow and livestream of the Easter Mass in PLC/Tiger Gym NO EVENING MASS

The Parish Office will be closed beginning Thursday, April 6th at 12:00 pm and remain closed through Monday, April 10th. No Masses on Monday, April 10, 2023. We wish you a Holy Lent and a Happy Easter!

UACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 12–16, 9am–12pm

LIGHT

Launch kids on an *egg-cellent* adventure that's light years of faith-building fun! Sign up at stmichaelchurch.net/vbs or scan the QR code!

For more information, contact Lana Jezierski: ljezierski@stmichaelchurch.net, (713) 403-4122



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come have a blast with us at Vacation Bible School! Many Different Positions Available

- SING & PLAY BLAST OFF ADULTS
- STELLAR BIBLE
 ADVENTURES
- IMAGINATION STATION
- · ALL-STAR GAMES
- · KID-VID
- · GALACTIC SNACKS
- · CREW LEADERS

JUNE 12TH - 16TH

• JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN SERVICE HOURS!



CLICK TO SIGN UP

Learn about the great gift

of your fertility!

St. Michael the Archangel provides a free introductory session monthly for individuals and married couples to learn about the gift of their fertility. This system assists with:

Achieving pregnancy **Timing conception** Avoiding pregnancy Identifying causes of infertility & cycle issues

APRIL 15, 10AM

St. Michael the Archangel (PLC-A)



For additional information please go to: stmichaelchurch.net/natural-family-planning

PALM SUNDAY



Monday, April 3, 2023 9:00-10:00am

Parish Life Center (PLC), Room B All are welcome, no charge!

Let us help you with your job search! We will review your resume (bring a copy for us to review) and we will make sure you are ready to submit. If you are re entering the job market, we can help you format any missing work related years. We also discuss Interviewing Skills, so you are prepared to answer all questions.

For any questions, please contact Rosalie Brandino at **rosalie.brandino@yahoo.com**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



CDA Court #2258 at St. Michael the Archangel engages in charitable and spiritual activites that positively influence the welfare of the Church and our community. We donate to charities, administer scholarships, support our local seminarians, and always strive to lend a helping hand. Join us as we pray, serve, and celebrate life!

OUR NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2023 | 5:30 pm Activity Building Room 1 To join us, please contact Ling Bickham: lingx9688@gmail.com

Pray for Vocations

THE HARVEST IS GREAT, THE LABORERS ARE FEW!

For the members of our parish that are currently in seminary:

> Matthew Lydick at Holy Trinity Seminary

For the members of our parish <u>in diaconate formation:</u>

> Gerald Balboa Ben Bates



The Sociable Seniors invites all parishioners age 50+ years to join us:

April 3, 2023, Monday @**1:00 pm** - General Meeting at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, 9527 Westheimer Road, Houston 77063

Upcoming Trips you can sign up for:

Wed April 19, 2023 - Painted Churches, County Line Tour (previously unseen churches!) 8:30 am board bus, departs 9 am - 1st church before lunch at Oakridge BBQ - 2nd church after. \$16/members, \$21/non-members. Sign-up deadline is April 3. Tues May 9, 2023 - Star of the Republic

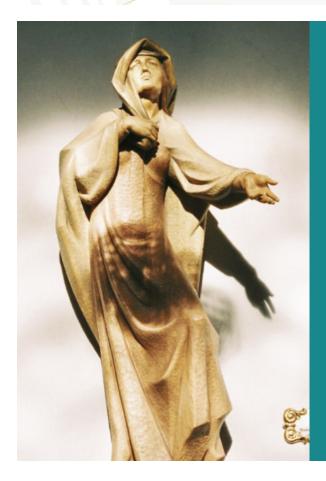
2nd and 4th Fridays at 1:30pm in PLC-B: Play / Learn dominoes "Mexican Train". Email Margaret for more info: **mfuller001@gmail.com**



Thursday Mornings, PLC A 6:30am: Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship 7:00am: Program Begins

Session 25: The Hidden Force

For more information, contact Joey Scamardi: jscamardi@msc-lawyer.com



Forgiven and Set Free

A Free Post-Abortion Bible Study for Women

Since your abortion have you felt: guilt, shame, depression, regret, grief, loneliness, anxiety, anger? Forgiven & Set Free is a 9-week Bible study that guides women to bring their emotional scars from abortion "out of the dark past and into His holy light," where true and lasting healing can take place. Appropriate scriptures help women deal with issues such as relief and denial, anger, forgiveness, depression, letting go, and acceptance.

Begins in person April 17th 6:30-8:00 pm

RSVP

Spaces are limited. To participate, please contact Janet: jsn@hwa.com | (832) 651-2304

NEW ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Do you have knowledge and experience in a trade like construction, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, roofing, landscaping, etc.? If so, would you be interested in helping your parish? St. Michael the Archangel would like to establish a Maintenance Committee to help access the maintenance needs of the buildings and equipment at the church. We are looking for parishioners with experience in these trades to join the committee.

Please contact Dawn Mortus at **dmortus@stmichaelchurch.net** if you have any questions or would be interested in serving on this committee.







CATHOLIC MEDICINE IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

APRIL 29, 2023 9:15 AM - 6:45 PM IN PERSON AND ONLINE

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 3617 MILAM ST, HOUSTON, TX

PRESENTATIONS

Christian Anthropology and the Renewal of Medicine Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD

Law, Medicine, and the Dignity of Human Life Ben Nguyen, MTS, JCL, JD

The Art of Suffering and Dying Christopher Tollefsen, PhD

Medical Ethics and the Catholic Health Care Worker in a Secular Culture Carla Falco, MD; Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD; Christopher Tollefsen, PhD

Medicine in Service to the Dignity of Women Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

The Ethics of Contraception in Difficult Cases Cara Buskmiller, MD; Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC; Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

Approaching Gender Dysphoria in Light of Science and the Gospel of Mercy Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

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