A close-up photograph of palm fronds, showing the texture of the leaves and the central stem. The image is slightly blurred, creating a soft, natural background.

Palm Sunday

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Hosanna! Today we join centuries of the faithful in praising Jesus, who comes among us as a humble servant. As we ponder what it would've been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet.

If you are visiting with us today, we are very glad you came. Interested in becoming a parishioner at St. Louise? Contact our office at 586.751.3340.

REFLECT

FIRST READING (Is 50:7)

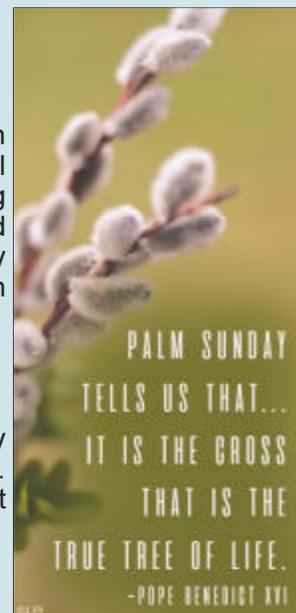
The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help frame your suffering?

SECOND READING (Phil 2:7)

Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity. What does this teach us about God's nature?

GOSPEL READING (Mk 15:17-19)

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?



Mass Intentions are only accepted 3 months in advance. There are 2 Mass Intentions allowed per Mass, except when the intention is for the parish parishioners. Then that is the **only** intention.

Please consider these guidelines when requesting your next Mass Intention.

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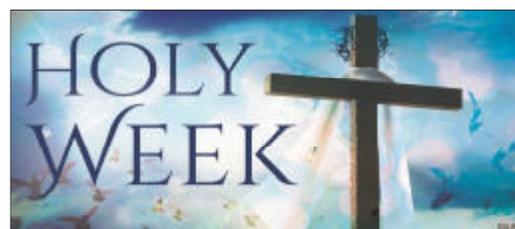


Easter Flowers

Use the designated envelope in your monthly envelope mailing for memorial donations and **PRINT CLEARLY** the name of the person/persons you are making the donation for. All names received by **Sunday, March 28** will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

POLISH MASS

Polish Mass starting on April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 7 pm and going every Sunday for a year, at St. Faustina's Parish. For further information, contact St. Faustina at 586-772-2720.



Tuesday, March 30 --- Mass at Noon

Holy Thursday, April 1 --- No Mass at Noon

Mass of the Last Supper at 6:30 pm

Followed by Adoration till 9 pm

Good Friday, April 2 --- No Stations of the Cross

No Mass at Noon

Good Friday Liturgy at 1 pm

With Adoration of the Cross (by bowing ONLY)

Easter Vigil Day, April 3 --- No Reconciliation

Blessing of food --- 12 Noon in Church

No Mass at 4 pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 8:30 pm



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

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LAUD & HONOR ON PALM SUNDAY

The Palm Sunday anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor” is one of Christendom’s oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin, *Gloria, laus et honor*, and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet as we still praise our blessed Redeemer “because we know just what kind of King he was and is - an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor.”

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, the King and Blessed One.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

Question:

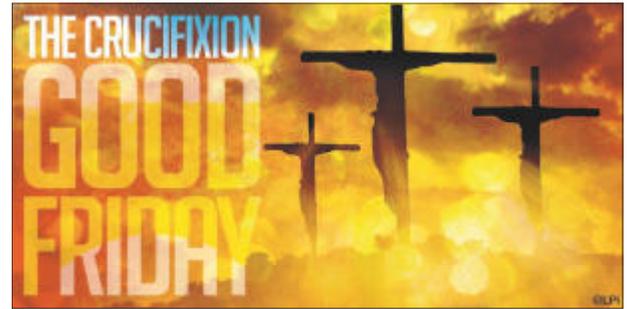
What is the significance of foot washing on Holy Thursday?

Answer:

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus’ day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.



Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood – “*This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.*” (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ’s sacrificial service to others.

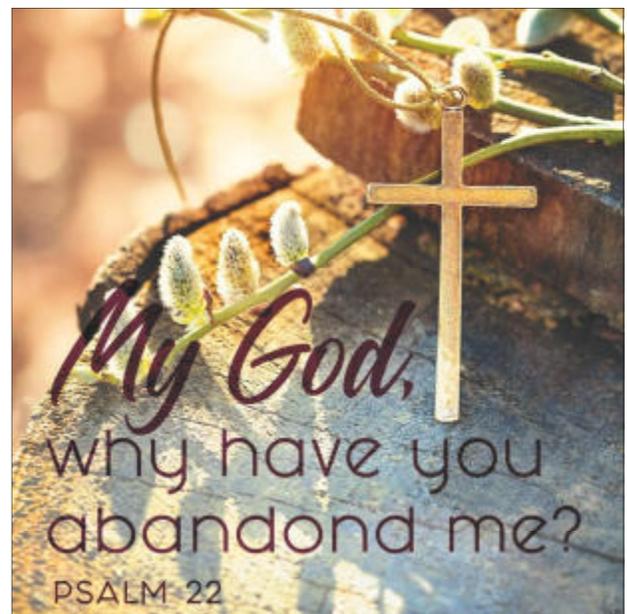


DISPELLING THE DARKNESS

On Good Friday, many churches hold a Tenebrae worship service. Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) is an ancient Christian tradition that re-creates the emotions of Jesus’ Passion and death. The sanctuary gradually grows darker. A strepitus (Latin for “loud noise”) may signify the closing of Jesus’ tomb. As the service concludes, a Christ candle stands alone on the altar, reminding worshipers that victory is coming on Easter morning.

When Scottish missionary Peter Milne died in 1924, the thankful people he’d serve in the South Pacific inscribed this message on his headstone: “When he came, there was no light; when he died, there was no darkness.”

Death’s darkness couldn’t conquer Jesus, the light of the world, so it does not conquer us. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5, ESV).



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Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The St. Louise de Marillac community offers its prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family whose loved one has entered into eternal life.

Judy Krawczyk

Memorial Service was held Thursday, March 25

We commend her soul to the Lord.
May the angels lead her into paradise.



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Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$5,516
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$292
YTD - Budget	\$267,216
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$266,204



HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION

Please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Mass during the week. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.

The rosary will not be said after the Masses on the weekends in order to allow time to properly clean the church for the next Mass.

In addition to reciting the rosary in church, consider offering up a spiritual gift for our country by reciting the rosary, or at least a decade, at 7 pm everyday. Pray for the end to unrest, anger and mutual disrespect in our country, and for the return of civility, harmony, and peace in our society. Every prayer will help.

CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Faustina's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. They are operating on Monday and Tuesday by appointment with curb side pick-up during COVID-19. The current needs are JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED TUNA AND CHICKEN, VEGETABLES and BOXED CEREAL. Paper goods are also welcome.



Thank you.

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Community Prayer List

Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:

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| Rebecca Alagar | Trevar Lloyd |
| Baby Isabella | Al & Pat Mandel |
| Rosa Bear | Barbara Mezzapelle |
| Maggie Black | Penny Molony |
| Debbie Bonilla | Barbara Montalvo Family |
| Terrie Cervera Family | Ted Niedbala |
| Angel Chua | Julia Nowicki |
| Jim Crepeau | Rita Olano |
| Kevin Crepeau | Coleen Omell |
| Jim Dodge, Jr. | Aiko Osaki |
| Rita Dodge | Priscilla Podowski |
| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Jim Patrick |
| Tony & Roseann Farchione | Amy Polsinelli |
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| Cindy Kolar | Mary Wisneski |
| Cecille LaBell | Joe Zan Duzer |
| Steven Laudicina | |

REMINDER

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

12 Noon Frank Banas by Helen Banas
Joseph Banas by Helen Banas

Thursday, April 1, 2021

12 Noon For all Priests serving in our Dioceses

Friday, April 2, 2021

12 Noon No Mass - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3, 2021

4 pm
Sunday, April 4, 2021
9:30 am
11:30 am

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Monday, March 29, 2021

Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

No activities planned

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

No activities planned

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Holy Thursday

No activities planned

Friday, April 2, 2021

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy 1 - 3 pm

Saturday, April 3, 2021

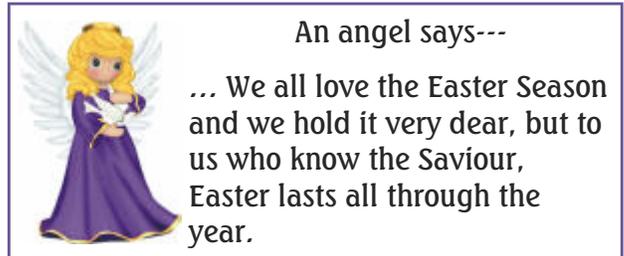
Easter Vigil

Blessing of Easter Food 12 - 1 pm

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

No activities planned



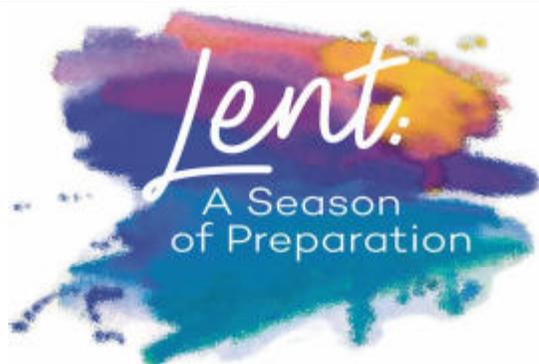
Kids Activities Page

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

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