



**APRIL 14, 2019**

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*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"*

~ Psalm 22:2a ~



## **PALM SUNDAY**

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him. The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses. For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Today's Focus: Reconciling Heaven and Earth, Humanity with God

When Jesus—who was both truly human and truly divine—was humbly sacrificed on the cross for us, it was the ultimate act of reconciliation. As his disciples, we give of ourselves as people of reconciliation.

### REFLECT:

Jesus “did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:6). He “emptied himself” (2:7) and “humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (2:8). He is the servant of whom Isaiah speaks. He gave himself to us as food and drink (John), out of love for us.

Jesus’ journey from heaven to earth is what reconciled earth with heaven and humanity with God. By so doing he did God’s will. When that meant imminent death, Jesus prayed, “Not my will but yours be done.” The Lord of all did not cling to equality with God. He became one with us. That self-emptying was perceived as a threat by those who clung to their own authority, so they killed him. Even in the end he emptied himself: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Living as Jesus lived entails emptying ourselves, especially in the face of the troubles, contradictions, afflictions, and experiences that come our way in life. By not clinging to our own will and power and embracing them, we accept our cross as Jesus did, to paraphrase St. Francis de Sales. Humbling ourselves and admitting our need for God to help us teaches us the power of self-emptying in all situations. A contemporary version of “Not my will, but yours be done” might be “I admit that I am powerless and I need a power greater than myself to save me.” The truth is that we can only find true freedom by surrendering our spirit into God’s hands, as Jesus did.

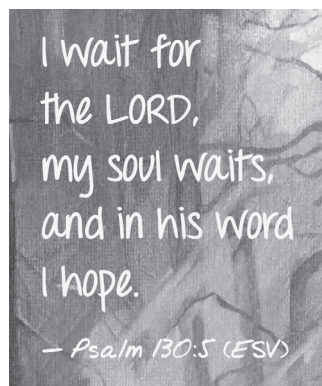
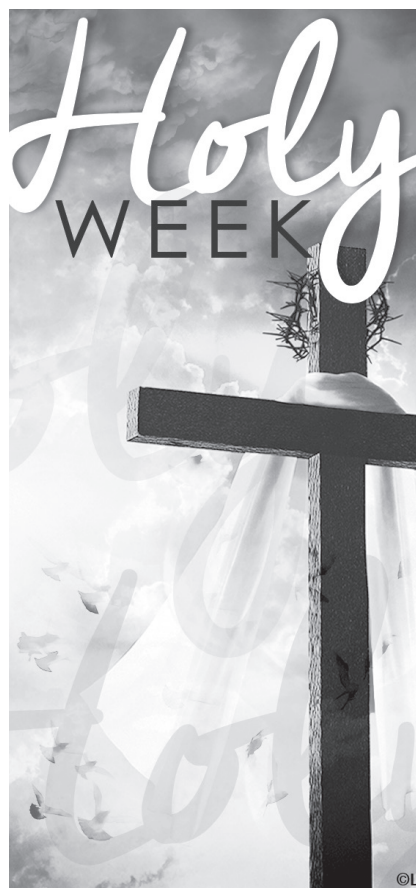
As servants of God, take time each day this Holy Week to open your ears to hear God’s voice. Empty yourself as Jesus did. Submit to God’s power in every situation. Then your life will proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

### CONSIDER:

When have you prayed, “I need a power greater than myself to save me”? What cross(es) are you asked to accept during this Holy Week, as Jesus accepted his?

### PRAY:

Passionate God, Your unconditional love and concern for us is made clear in the birth, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me walk the way of the cross with Him this week. Teach me to pray with renewed sincerity and depth, “Thy will be done.”



### Holy Thursday, April 18

Mass celebrating the Lord’s Last Supper St. Paul’s 7:00 p.m.

After Mass: Altar of Repose - Spend time with Our Lord in St. Paul’s Parish Hall, open until 11:00 p.m.

### Good Friday, April 19

Begin the Divine Mercy Novena

Altar of Repose - Spend time with Our Lord in St. Paul’s Parish Hall open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

### Services:

Our Lady of Lourdes 4:00 p.m.  
St. Paul’s 6:00 p.m.  
St. Mary’s 6:00 p.m.

### Holy Saturday, April 20

Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
St. Mary’s at 12:00 p.m., Noon

Easter Vigil Mass  
St. Paul’s 8:44 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 21

St. Paul’s 9:00 a.m.  
Our Lady of Lourdes 11:00 a.m.  
St. Mary’s 11:00 a.m.



Sunday 4/14 SP Matthew Glawich by Steve

Sunday 4/14 SM Open

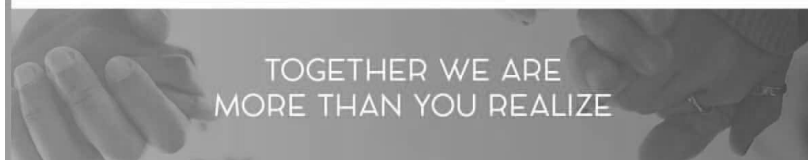
Sunday 4/14 SP For All Parishioners

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. If you would like the Mass intention to occur on a certain date, please request this with Father. The normal offering for an intention is \$10.



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Just click on “Bulletin” and fill out the form!

Deadline for request is typically the Sunday prior to publication date, though could be earlier during the holidays.



# Into His Likeness

Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ

This week, we'll finish the book! Keep reading and reflecting on the questions at the end of each chapter.

## REFLECTION PART THREE:

### Transformed by Fire: The Battle for Your Mind

"Right now, there is a battle going on for your mind-for how you look at reality. Who are you? What is life all about? What brings happiness? What if true success? What is love? Who is God? What happens after we die?"

The world does everything it can to get us to look at these questions in a certain way. Christ offers you a very different way of looking at these same questions. Do we conform to the world and its viewpoint or will we be transformed by what Christ has to offer us? This chapter has a lot of information about the difficulties we face in deciding to conform or be transformed. One heading states "What We Put in Our Minds Matters" Computer programmer's have an acronym GIGO when what they are trying to program doesn't work right. It stands for garbage in garbage out. The same is true with our minds. It's tough to get good out if all we are doing is watching junk on a screen or reading it in books. It is time to become more aware of how much our lives are influenced by the world and how unsatisfied we are with the way things turn out when using this point of view. The rest of this chapter offers strategies and insights to these two opposing views how this battle should go. And how God's plan is still the best one; for individuals and the world.

## Reflect

Take a moment to examine your use of media. Are there shows, videos, songs, or images you take in that do not follow God's standards for what is true, good, pure, and beautiful? Do you spend too much time in screens with your phone, with noise constantly distracting you? What can you do to build more silence into your soul, to reflect on truth and hear the voice of God?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

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 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.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

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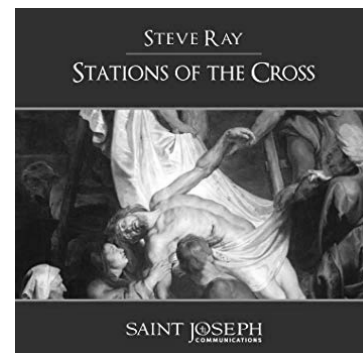
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### Month of March 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes	\$3,195.00
St. Paul's	\$4,128.62
St. Mary's	\$5,381.00

### Additional March Collections

Home Missions	\$868.65
Ash Wednesday	\$282.44
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Candles	\$78.03
Mass Intentions	\$610.00

### Thank you for your generosity!

For second collections, please remember to make your check out to the church you attend and on the check memo line write the name of the collection. Please DO NOT make the check out to the second collection organization. One check will be sent to the Archdiocese for the amount collected by our churches.

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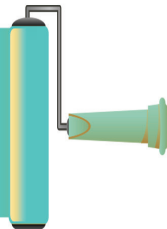
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