

# Palm Sunday *of the* Lord's Passion



*Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into His own city to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began His saving work and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him in His suffering on the Cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.*

+The Roman Missal



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

### Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.  
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.  
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

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## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

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## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION MARCH 24, 2024

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 23

4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members  
of our Parish

### Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. + Stephen Debitetto  
10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Dominica Bean  
12:30 p.m. + Dominico & Dominica Canini  
(Armando & Liliana Tempesta)  
5:00 p.m. + Chavelo Arias (Dcn. Klaus & Sharon Fricke)

### Monday, March 25

6:30 a.m. + Robert & Joan Brown (The Brown Family)  
8:15 a.m. Andrew Debitetto

### Tuesday, March 26

6:30 a.m. + Antonio & Donata Tempesta  
(Armando & Liliana Tempesta)  
8:15 a.m. + Mary Ann Olvera

### Wednesday, March 27

6:30 a.m. + Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)  
8:15 a.m. For the School  
6:00 p.m. + Joseph Fiala Sr. (The Fiala-Fristad Family)

### Thursday, March 28

6:00 p.m. For an Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood

### Friday, March 29

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

### Saturday, March 30

8:00 p.m. For Our Newly Initiated Members  
of the Catholic Church

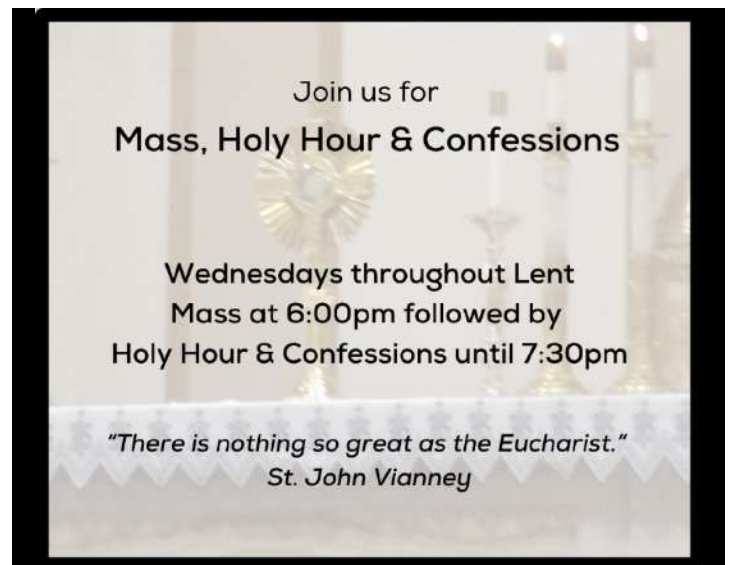
### Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members  
of our Parish  
12:30 p.m. + Deacon Craig Smith  
(Dcn. Klaus & Sharon Fricke)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 17, 2024:

Envelopes.....\$ 11,650.77  
Online Giving.....\$ 11,029.00  
**Total:.....\$ 22,679.77**



## PARISH CALENDAR MARCH

<b>SUNDAY, March 24</b>	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (MH)	<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass (C)
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	5:00 p.m. Confessions	<b>Friday, March 29</b>	3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Confessions (C)
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	No Activities	<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (C)
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	<b>SUNDAY, March 31</b>	Easter Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt following the 12:30 p.m. Mass

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel



# FROM THE PASTOR



**ON THIS PALM SUNDAY** we ask in varying degrees of puzzlement how the crowds who welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during His entry into Jerusalem would turn against Him so quickly within days and demand His crucifixion and the release of Barabbas who had been condemned for murder? Their welcome and shouts for Jesus were superficial. Their support for Him was only skin deep. It was easy to be part of a crowd that welcomed Jesus and it was easy to be part of a crowd that condemned Him to death. In the account of the Passion, the crowd was not there for Jesus when He needed them most. The crowd did not go to the cross. The crowd abandoned Jesus. Only a few women and John went to the cross. So much for the crowd! During the Last Supper, Peter said he would be willing to go to prison with Jesus, even to death with him. Yet a few hours later that same evening, he denied Jesus. How quickly he changed! How quickly he turned when the pressure was on him! He could make fine promises during the Last Supper, but when the crunch came he decided to save his skin. Odd how these persons and so many others failed to see what was most important – their salvation – and who would bring them salvation – Jesus Christ. Folks, when all is said and done, each of us should spend some time today asking ourselves: “What is it that matters most in each of our lives?” Is it good health, a distinguished career, a good family, financial security? Yes, all these and more have an important place in our lives. But do these matter the most? No. **What matters most is our eternal salvation! What matters is allowing the salvation which Jesus gained for us by His dying on the cross and rising on the third day to be effective in each of our lives! What matters is that we be “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22).** This is why we are created, given human life and then, in Baptism, God’s own life – divine grace. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us in its opening paragraph: “God ... in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son as Redeemer and Savior. In His Son and through Him, He invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, His adopted children and thus, heirs of His blessed life” (No. 1). By Christ’s suffering, death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ freed each of us from the permanence of evil, of sin and of death, and obtained for each and every one of us the ability to share God’s own life of grace through our “yes of obedient faith.” So, the Mystery of Christ’s Dying and Rising lies at the very core of our Catholic Christian faith and life. This week – this holiest week of the year for Catholics and Christians throughout the world – this Holy Week offers us another privileged opportunity to relive these saving events of our salvation. As we actively take part in the liturgies of this Holy Week, beginning with today’s liturgy of Palm Sunday, going on to the liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday and concluding with the liturgies of the Easter Vigil and Easter Day, each of us are being drawn into the saving reality we call “the Paschal Mystery.” Especially during the days of the Easter Triduum, each of us will truly share in Christ’s Passion and Resurrection, humiliation and glorification, self-emptying and exaltation, suffering and rising to new life. United to Him, we will die to sin and eternal death and rise to new life. As the Preface for today’s Mass puts it, “By His dying, He has destroyed our sins. By His rising, He has raised us up to holiness of life.” Thus, if we immerse ourselves in the liturgies of Holy Week and experience Christ’s divine mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, we are being transformed by Christ’s Dying and Rising and are being strengthened and led ever more closely to what matters most: Our being saved by the Lord Jesus so as to live His blessed life forever in heaven. Folks, let’s make sure that Holy Week is not “business as usual” for us in our daily lives. Let’s really put the “holy” in Holy Week by immersing ourselves in Holy Week as perhaps we have never done before. Let us make the most of Holy Week, which begins today, so that one day we may reach what matters most – eternal life with Jesus our Lord, Savior and Redeemer. As the ending of the Prayer of Blessing over the Palms reminds us, “*may we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following Him.*” From all of us at Saint Michael, we pray that all will have a spiritually-enriched, most blessed, and indeed Holy Week!

## **OF NOTE...**

There is a small army of volunteers who have been preparing our second home – our parish Church – for Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations: The men, women and young persons who have cleaned the Church for these special days; the men and women who have volunteered to decorate the Church and to serve as Ushers/Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Masters of Ceremony, and Sacristans; and let’s not forget our Parish Choir and Sacred Music. Let’s not forget the Easter Egg Hunt volunteers! Thank you to all!

Let us continue to pray for the men and women who are in the last stages preparation for becoming fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil, for their sponsors, for their family members, and for the persons who have helped bring them to this most-important step in their faith lives. We continue to pray for them, support them, and look forward to celebrating with them at the Easter Vigil.

Fr. Mike

### 2024 Easter Triduum Services

Thursday, March 28, 6:00pm:  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, 3:00pm:  
Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 30, 8:00pm:  
Easter Vigil\*

Sunday, March 31; 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm\*\*  
Easter Sunday Masses

#### Holy Week Confessions

Monday, March 25, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, April 7, after the Good Friday Liturgy  
until 6:00pm

\*Join us after the Easter Vigil for a reception to welcome our newest members of the Church.

\*\*Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 12:30pm Mass.



### Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please note the following early bulletin deadlines as we approach the Easter Season:

April 7 bulletin submissions due March 25

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on March 29 & April 1 as we celebrate the Easter Triduum with our families.

Have a blessed Holy Week! We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Triduum services.





# Women's Faith & Fellowship Daughterhood by Candlelight

with Monica Richards

Thursday, April 18th

7:00pm

Marian Hall



RSVP Now!

Join us for an evening of fellowship as we enjoy a meal and listen to Monica Richards share with us about our Daughterhood as beloved daughters of our King. Monica Richards is a full-time missionary with Damascus, wife & mother of five, and licensed Doctor of clinical Psychology. She has an amazing ability to drill fearlessly into deep issues, develop trust, & facilitate pathways toward healing and wholeness for each individual she encounters. *To host a table or RSVP as an individual, please use the QR code to join us for this amazing evening.*

## ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE DURING HOLY WEEK

Please note that there will not be Eucharistic Exposition in our Adoration Chapel on Holy Thursday or Good Friday as typically scheduled. The Adoration Chapel will continue to be available for anyone who would like to visit for a quiet place to pray. We will resume our regular schedule on Thursday, April 4th. We wish you all a very blessed and safe Holy Week and Easter season.

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young adults of the parish are invited to join our Bible Study on Thursday evenings in the Lower Meeting Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome; invite a friend to join you! Questions? Email Jake Asuncion at [jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org).

## EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...



Join us for *Pietra*: an exercise class that strengthens body, mind, and spirit! Upcoming classes include *Pietra Kids*, *Lenten Pietra*, *Mother/Daughter*, and our regular *Women's* Saturday morning classes. Information and sign-up can be found at the QR code or by visiting [www.viribuswellness.com/pietra](http://www.viribuswellness.com/pietra).

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY!

Whether you volunteered your Friday nights, donated baked goods, dined in, enjoyed our drive thru, or even shared our Facebook posts, we are so grateful for your support this Lenten season.



WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you planning for a scheduled medical procedure, or are you being admitted to a hospital or other out-patient facility for surgery or for medical treatment? If so, please see one of the priests before or after any of our parish Masses so that he can provide you with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** you have your procedure, treatment or surgery. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the seriously ill, injured, or the elderly with the "Oil of the Infirm" which is a special oil, blessed by the Bishop, used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Obviously, there are emergency situations, but anything that you can do in advance to receive the sacramental graces of the Anointing of the Sick – physical, spiritual and emotional healing – is helpful to you, your family, and to the priests.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.*

***"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."***

**+VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN**

### **March 25 ~ Monday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: John 12:1-11** Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one of his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” The large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of him, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him.

**Meditation:** Why was Judas critical of Mary’s lovely deed? Judas viewed her act as extravagant wastefulness because of greed. A person views things according to what it inside the heart and soul. Judas was an embittered man and had a warped sense of what was precious and valuable, especially to God. Jesus had put Judas in charge of their common purse, no doubt because he was gifted in financial matters. The greatest temptation we can face will often come in the area of our greatest strength or gifting. Sadly, Judas used money entrusted to him for wrong and hurtful purposes. He allowed greed and personal gain to corrupt his heart and to warp his view of things. He was critical towards Mary because he imputed unworthy motives. Do you examine your heart correctly when you impute wrong or unworthy motives towards others? Does love of money taint or possibly destroy your love for Christ?

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you know the love that knows no bounds? As Jesus dines with his beloved friends, Mary does something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. Mary's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for God’s mercy. She did something, however, a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bound her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. Mary was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She took no thought for what others would think, but what would please her Lord. In humility she stooped to anoint Jesus’ feet and to dry them with her hair. How do you show your love for Christ?

### **March 26 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38** Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant. One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus’ chest and said to him, “Master, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped

it." So he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him. So Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him. Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or to give something to the poor. So Judas took the morsel and left at once. And it was night. When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later." Peter said to him, "Master, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times."

**Meditation:** Jesus' disciples were put to the test as Jesus prepared to make the final and ultimate sacrifice of his own life for their sake and for all the world. What was different between Peter and Judas? Judas deliberately betrayed his Master while Peter, in a moment of weakness, denied him with an oath and a curse. Judas' act was cold and calculated. Peter, however, never meant to do what he did. He acted impulsively, out of weakness and cowardice. Jesus knew both the strength of Peter's loyalty and the weakness of his resolution. He had a habit of speaking with his heart without thinking through the implications of what he was saying. The treachery of Judas, however, is seen at its worst when Jesus makes his appeal by showing special affection to him at his last supper.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion that we may merit to receive your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Satan entered into Judas when he rejected Jesus and left to pursue his evil course. Satan can twist love and turn it into hate. He can turn holiness into pride, discipline into cruelty, affection into complacency. We must always be on our guard against Satan, whose mission among the faithful is to turn us from the love of God and the path which God has chosen for us. The Holy Spirit will give us grace and strength each and every time that we are tested. If we submit to Jesus we will walk in the light of his truth and love. If we turn our backs on him we will stumble and fall in the ways of sin and darkness. Are you ready to follow Jesus in his way of the cross? Or do you run away from the cross of Christ?

### **March 27 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25** One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, (My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'"" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

**Meditation:** Origen, a 3rd century bible scholar and Father of the Church, comments on Judas' betrayal: "Let us consider what Judas said to the Jewish priests: What will you give me if I hand him over to you? He was willing to take money in exchange for handing over the Word of God. They do the same thing who accept sensual or worldly goods in exchange for handing over and casting out from their souls the Savior and Word of truth who came to dwell with them. Indeed, it would be fitting to apply Judas's example to all who show contempt for the Word of God and betray him, as it were, by committing sin for the sake of money or for any selfish motive. People who behave in this way appear openly to be calling out to the powers of the enemy who offer worldly gain in return for the sin of betraying God's Word, saying, What will you give me if I hand him over to you? And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. The number of coins they gave Judas was equivalent to the number of years the Savior had sojourned in this world. For at the age of thirty, he was baptized and began to preach the gospel, like Joseph was thirty years old when he began to gather grain for his brothers (Genesis 41:46). Just as at that time the grain was prepared by



God for the sons of Israel but given also to the Egyptians, so also the gospel was prepared for the saints but preached also to the unfaithful and wicked." [Commentary on Matthew 78.]

**Prayer:** O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus knew beforehand what would befall him. As Jesus ate the Passover meal with his twelve apostles he put them under trial and suspicion (one of you will betray me) to teach them to examine themselves rightly, to avoid thinking of themselves as being more strong than they were. We, also must examine ourselves in the light of God's truth and grace and ask him to strengthen us in faith, hope, and love that we may not fail him or forsake him when we are tempted. When you pray the "Lord's Prayer" (the "Our Father") do the words simply roll off your tongue without much thought? Or do you pray mindfully and with confidence in the words Jesus gave us to pray: *Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil* (Matthew 6:13)?

### **March 28 ~ Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Holy Gospel: John 13:1-15** Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

**Meditation:** Saint Augustine, in his homily for this day, wrote: "He had the power of laying down his life; we by contrast cannot choose the length of our lives, and we die even if it is against our will. He, by dying, destroyed death in himself; we are freed from death only in his death. His body did not see corruption; our body will see corruption and only then be clothed through him in incorruption at the end of the world. He needed no help from us in saving us; without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot have life. Finally, even if brothers die for brothers, yet no martyr by shedding his blood brings forgiveness for the sins of his brothers, as Christ brought forgiveness to us. In this he gave us, not an example to imitate but a reason for rejoicing. Inasmuch, then, as they shed their blood for their brothers, the martyrs provided "the same kind of meal" as they had received at the Lord's table. Let us then love one another as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us."

**Prayer:** O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Does your love waver when you encounter bitter disappointments and injury from others? As Jesus' hour of humiliation draws near he reveals to his disciples the supreme humility which shaped the love he had for them. He stoops to perform a menial task reserved for servants – the washing of smelly, dirty feet. In stooping to serve his disciples Jesus knew he would be betrayed by one of them and that the rest would abandon him through disloyalty. Such knowledge could have easily led to bitterness or hatred. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with the greatest humility and supreme love. Jesus loved his disciples to the very end, even when they failed him and forsook him. The

Lord loves each of us unconditionally. His love has power to set us free to serve others with Christ-like compassion and humility. Does the love of Christ rule in your heart, thoughts, intentions and actions?

## **March 29 ~ Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Gospel: John 18:1 – 19:42** Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone," in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him

out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

**+ At this point of the Passion pause in prayerful meditation for a short time. +**

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another passage says: They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

**Meditation:** The cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone – all his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. And his death



was agonizing and humiliating. Normally a crucified man could last for several days on a cross. Jesus' had already been scourged, beaten with rods, and a crown of thorns pressed into his skull. It is no wonder that he died mid-afternoon. Pilate publicly heralded Jesus "The King of the Jews" as he died upon the cross, no doubt to irritate and annoy the chief priests and Pharisees. Jesus was crucified for his claim to be King. The Jews had understood that the Messiah would come as king to establish God's reign for them. They wanted a king who would free them from tyranny and foreign domination. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messianic king. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus had. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom, rather than to conquer perishable lands and entitlements. We can find no greater proof of God's love for us than the willing sacrifice of his Son on the cross. Jesus' parting words, "It is finished!" expresses triumph rather than defeat. Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit knowing that the strife was now over and the battle was won. Even on the cross Jesus knew the joy of victory. What the Father sent him into the world to do has now been accomplished. Christ offered himself without blemish to God and he put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (ref. Hebrews 9:24-26).

**Prayer:** Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Stations of the Cross:** "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" (From Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori). Pray the Stations of the Cross today; on-line Stations (in English) are available at [www.the-latinmass.com/id78.html](http://www.the-latinmass.com/id78.html)

**Contemplation:** As Father Thomas Merton, OCSO, once wrote: "To know the cross is not merely to know our own sufferings. For the cross is the sign of salvation, and no one is saved by his own sufferings. To know the cross is to know that we are saved by the sufferings of Christ; more, it is to know the love of Christ who underwent suffering and death in order to save us. It is, then, to know Christ. For to know his love is not merely to know the story of his love, but to experience in our spirit that we are loved by him, and that in his love the Father manifests his own love for us, through his Spirit poured forth into our hearts."

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## A Prayer in Honor of Christ's Passion

*I give You glory, O Christ, because You, the Only-begotten Son,  
the Lord of all, underwent the death of the Cross  
to free my sinful soul from the bonds of sin.*

*What shall I give to You, O Lord, in return for all this kindness?*

*Glory to You, O Lord, for Your Love, for Your Mercy, for Your Patience.*

*Glory to You, for forgiving us all our sins, for coming to save our souls,  
for Your Incarnation in the Virgin's womb.*

*Glory to You, for Your bonds, for receiving the cut of the lash,  
for accepting mockery.*

*Glory to You, for Your Crucifixion, for Your Burial,  
for Your Resurrection.*

*Glory to You, for Your Resurrection,  
for being preached to all men and women,  
for being taken up to heaven.*

*Glory to You Who sit at the Father's right hand and will return in glory.*

*Glory to You for willing that the sinner be saved  
through Your great Mercy and Compassion. Amen.*

# HOLY WEEK

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## Make This Your Holiest Week

by Fr. Ed Broom, OMI

Each year God showers us with countless blessings, especially in the Season of Lent, Holy Week, culminating in Easter—the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, His triumph over sin, the devil, and death itself.

However, the effects of these Holy days are in direct proportion to our interior disposition of soul, openness to God's grace, and docility to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. In other words a fervent practicing Christian will reap a much more abundant harvest than a non-practicing Christian.

*Magnanimity.* This is a key word to Ignatian spirituality. In simple English it means generosity of spirit. St. Ignatius of Loyola, in the *Annotations for the Director of the Exercises*, emphasizes the primary importance of the Exercitant (he who is making the Spiritual Exercises) to enter in with Magnanimity.

Likewise, we should enter into Holy week with the same disposition of spirit: *Magnanimity*. If you like, we should enter into these sacred Paschal mysteries of the suffering, passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus with an ardent longing to truly love God totally, unreservedly, with every thread of our being! We should live out this Holy Week as if it were to be the last in our lives.

### **Live Out The Easter Triduum to the Max**

The Easter Triduum consists of three days culminating in Easter (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)—the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us offer some short and simple ideas, reflections and challenges to derive the most abundant fruit from these holy days and arrive at an authentic transformation of our lives. May we be able to say with St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

### **Holy Thursday**

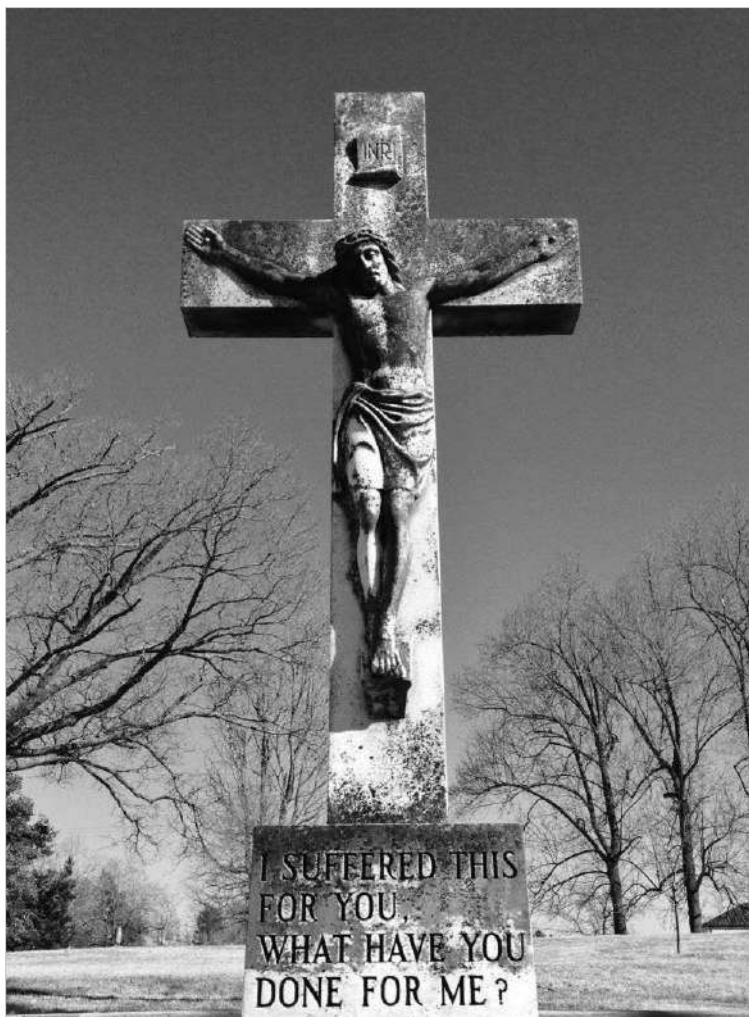
On this day we commemorate with love, awe, tenderness, and gratitude beyond human expression the institution of two Sacraments, generously given to all of humanity from the depths of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for our sanctification and salvation: The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and Holy Orders (The Priesthood). The most logical disposition and movement of our hearts should be to praise and thank Our Lord Jesus for having bestowed upon the Church until the end of the world the greatest of all gifts—the most Holy Eucharist, that we can receive in Holy Communion every day (if we are properly disposed). The most Holy Eucharist is truly and substantially the Body, Blood, and Divinity of Jesus the Lord. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving".

*Holy Orders.* On the same day and in the same historical context Jesus instituted Holy Orders—the Catholic Priesthood. This was in the Upper Room (Cenacle), at the Last Supper which was the first Mass when Jesus said the words: "Do this in memory of me". At that precise moment the Apostles were transformed into the first priests as well as the first Bishops.

Every Holy Thursday, while participating in the Mass of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet, we should pray for priests. Our prayers should be universal! That is to say we should pray for vocations to the priesthood; we should pray for seminarians who are preparing for Holy Orders—the Priesthood. Equally important, we should pray for priests that are already ordained. Our prayers should be lifted on high for young priests, for elderly priests, for sick priests. Furthermore, we should pray for tempted priests, priests that have many doubts, as well as for priests that have fallen so that they will return to Jesus the Good Shepherd of their souls. With a heavy heart Jesus prayed, "The harvest is rich but the laborers are few; ask the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to work in his vineyard." So many souls are at risk and jeopardy for the lack of laborers, for the lack of holy priests.

### **Good Friday**

On Holy Thursday we contemplated Jesus at the Last Supper blessing us with the two Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. On Good Friday our attention, gaze and contemplation is lifted on high to the cross. Let us unite our hearts with the famous prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: "We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."



*Contemplate the Cross and Resurrection.* Spend some time in silence and contemplation before a graphic image of Jesus crucified. One specific aspect worthy of meditation and contemplation is the Precious Blood of Jesus!

With love, reverence, devotion and a spirit of reparation, contemplate the various outlets of His Precious Blood. Start with His Thorn-crowned Head. The pierced brow, penetrated by long and piercing thorns almost arriving at the brain allows for a constant flowing of Blood; the Blood that He shed for your salvation. Jesus suffered His most excruciating Passion for all of humanity, but also for you and me personally.

If you were the only person in the whole created universe, Jesus loves you so much that He would indeed shed every drop of His most Precious Blood for the immortal salvation of your soul. How precious you are in the eyes of God!

Contemplate the nail-driven hands. These hands that blessed the little children, these hands that touched and restored sight to the blind, these hands that touched lepers healing them instantaneously of their incurable disease, these sacred hands that turned bread into His Body and Blood, these hands are now nailed to the cross from which His Precious Blood oozes out dripping to the ground.

Contemplate His feet. These were the feet that walked to bring good news to the aliens, the abandoned, the poor and despised.

He came to set the captives free. Now these feet can no longer move, but only shed blood so that we can walk the paths of purity, justice and peace.

*His Sacred Heart.* Finally let us contemplate His most Sacred Heart pierced with the lance. From this fountain of life, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, after being pierced with the lance, Blood and Water came gushing forth, the source and fountain of our sacramental life. The water is symbolic of the Sacrament of Baptism and Confession. The Blood is symbolic of the most Holy Eucharist! In all of our troubles, fears and sufferings, may we seek our refuge in the pierced and open Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### ***Holy Saturday: The Sorrowful Heart of Mary***

One short suggestion: live out Holy Saturday with the Blessed Virgin Mary!

*The Tone and Sentiments for Holy Saturday.* For many Holy Saturday is barely understood! This is the tone and sentiments that we should cultivate on Holy Saturday. Fasting? Good Friday fasting is obligatory. Holy Saturday the church encourages fasting, but it is not obligatory. This day should not be full of unnecessary noises, but silence. Why? To cultivate a contemplative spirit of prayer.

*Our Thoughts and Heart.* Our thoughts and our heart should be with the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows! The Church recommends that we spend some quality time with Our Lady reliving what happened a few hours earlier. That is to say, we should enter into the Sorrowful Heart of Mary, who stood at the foot of the cross and relive the Passion, suffering and death of Jesus. In a word, on Holy Saturday, we should contemplate in our hearts the passion of Christ through the eyes and heart of Mary! Nobody ever penetrated the height, width, and depth of the suffering and passion of Jesus better than His Immaculate Mother Mary.

In conclusion, let us live out the Easter Triduum with Magnanimity. Let us enter into the Triduum with great love and gratitude for Jesus who gave Himself up for me, shedding every drop of His most precious Blood for me as if I were the only person in the created universe. How great is the love of Jesus for you and for me!

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## HAVE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK



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It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the land of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and Resurrection. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population and are subjected to war and violence. With your support, we can help to ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now, and that future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive. Please help the Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

## GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS WITH BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

Please join us in walking the Way of the Cross through downtown Columbus on Good Friday, March 29th, led by Bishop Fernandes. The procession will begin at 2:00 p.m., directly following the Good Friday service in the Cathedral, and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. The route begins on the Cathedral steps and has five stops throughout downtown, where people carry their crosses every day. Each stop will have moments of readings, music and poetry. The Way of the Cross is organized by the lay ecclesial movement, Communion and Liberation. For more information, please contact Alessandro at [ando.scotti@gmail.com](mailto:ando.scotti@gmail.com).



## SPRING DIOCESAN VOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM WORKSHOP

We are excited to announce the Spring Diocesan Vocal Training Program Workshop! Even if you have previously attended a workshop, you are invited to join this "voice lesson" style workshop, where we will work on strengthening our vocal skills with vocal exercises, new repertoire and an opportunity to practice chant singing! The workshop will be held at St. Brendan the Navigator in Hilliard, Ohio from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Please email Dawn Beckman at rtbddb@aol.com with your reservation. We hope to see you there!

## CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2024 – SPEAKER: WILLIAM HEYER

Join us Friday, April 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by architect William Heyer about Sacred Architecture. The April luncheon is sponsored by George Arnold. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Heyer's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is Friday, May 3, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum about the seminary.**



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