

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

Luke 22:17-20

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**PALM SUNDAY
LENT—APRIL 10th**

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration: few moments!

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 palms are blessed with the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David,
the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel.

(Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

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In Loving Memory of
Larry & Olga Martinez,

One Day at a Time.

Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday — 7:00 a.m.

Saturday — 8:00 a.m.

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Confessions:

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. — 6:50 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. — noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:50 p.m.

Office Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER

My sisters and brothers:

Seven Deadly Sins-Sloth

Medieval theologian Thomas Aquinas said Sloth is "sluggishness of the mind which neglects to begin good... [it] is evil in its effect, if it so oppresses man as to draw him away entirely from good deeds."

The Pocket Catholic Catechism says:

Sloth is the desire for ease, even at the expense of doing the known will of God. Whatever we do in life requires effort. Everything we do is to be a means of salvation. The slothful person is unwilling to do what God wants because of the effort it takes to do it. Sloth becomes a sin when it slows down and even brings to a halt the energy we must expend in using the means to salvation.

Sloth also tends to dismiss the power of grace, focusing instead on the "trouble" or effort involved in walking in the Christian way.

Sloth is not merely laziness; it is more properly understood as sorrow or indifference. While sloth may sometimes look like boredom and a casual laziness toward attaining spiritual good, it can also be manifested by a frantic "busyness" with worldly things so as to avoid spiritual questions or living a

Boredom seems to have increased in modern times and this fuels sloth. We are overstimulated in the modern world. The frantic pace, the endless interruptions, the abundance of entertainment, the fast-paced movies and video games all contribute.

Of the Virtues that are medicine for sloth: As with envy, joy and zeal are essential. So too are Magnanimity and magnificence whereby we think great things and do them. By faith we learn to appreciate the good things of God and by charity we learn to love them. By almsgiving we intentionally move outside our self. And, by justice we are motivated to render to God and others what is their due.

With prayers and love,

Fr. Bart, S.V.D

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 11

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, April 12

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, April 13

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Confessions 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

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Thursday, April 14

Mass of Holy Thursday 7:00p.m.

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Friday, April 15

Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00p.m.

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Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

Vocation View

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Weekly Readings

4/11—IS 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11
4/12—IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
4/13—IS 50:4-9a; MT 26:14-25
4/14—IS 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; RV 1:5-8; LK 4:16-21
—Evening Mass EX 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15
4/15—IS 52:13—53:12; HEB 4:14-16, 5:7-9; JN 18:1—19:42
4/16—GN 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; GN 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13, 15-18; EX 14:15—15:1; IS 54:5-14; IS 55:1-11; BAR 3:9-15, 32—4:4; EZ 36:16-17a, 18-28; ROM 6:3-11; LK 24:1-12
4/17—ACTS 10:34a, 37-43; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6b-8; JN 20:1-9 or LK 24:1-12

PARISH CORNER

Sacred Triduum

The last three days of Holy Week are referred to as the Easter or **Sacred Triduum (Triduum Sacrum)** starts in the evening of Holy Thursday and ends on the evening of Sunday Lord's Resurrection.

Holy Thursday is also known as "**Maundy Thursday**." The word *maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment) which is the first word of the Gospel acclamation:

Mandatum novum do vobis dicit Dominus, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

These are the words spoken by our Lord to His apostles at the Last Supper, after he completed the washing of the feet. We should imitate Christ's humility in the washing of the feet.

By meditating on the Gospels (cf. Matt 26:1 ff.; Mark 14:1 ff.; Luke 22:1 ff.; John 13:1 ff.), we can recall to mind Jesus' actions of that day. Father Bernard Strasser summarizes all the events of that first Holy Thursday:

...They included:

- (1) the eating of the Easter lamb or the paschal meal;
- (2) the washing of the disciple's feet;
- (3) the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist (the first Mass at which Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest, is the celebrant; the first Communion of the apostles; the first conferring of Holy Orders);
- (4) the foretelling of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denials;
- (5) the farewell discourse and priestly prayer of Jesus;
- (6) the agony and capture of Jesus in the Garden of Olives.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is recited perpetually at the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

Intentions

For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention:

All mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SEVEN PETITIONS

"Thy Kingdom Come"

2819 "The kingdom of God (is) righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."⁹⁰ The end-time in which we live is the age of the outpouring of the Spirit. Ever since Pentecost, a decisive battle has been joined between "the flesh" and the Spirit.⁹¹

Only a pure soul can boldly say: "Thy kingdom come." One who has heard Paul say, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies," and has purified himself in action, thought and word will say to God: "Thy kingdom come!"⁹²

2820 By a discernment according to the Spirit, Christians have to distinguish between the growth of the Reign of God and the progress of the culture and society in which they are involved. This distinction is not a separation. Man's vocation to eternal life does not suppress, but actually reinforces, his duty to put into action in this world the energies and means received from the Creator to serve justice and peace.⁹³

2821 This petition is taken up and granted in the prayer of Jesus which is present and effective in the Eucharist; it bears its fruit in new life in keeping with the Beatitudes.⁹⁴

"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It is in Heaven"

2822 Our Father "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."⁹⁵ He "is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish."⁹⁶ His commandment is "that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."⁹⁷ This commandment summarizes all the others and expresses his entire will.

⁹⁰ Rom 14:17.
⁹¹ Cf. Gal 5:16-25.
⁹² St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catech. myst. 5, 13: PG 33, 1120A; cf. Rom 6:12.
⁹³ Cf. GS 22; 32; 39; 45; EN 31.
⁹⁴ Cf. Jn 17:17-20; Mt 5:13-16; 6:24; 7:12-13.
⁹⁵ 1 Tim 2:3-4.
⁹⁶ 2 Pet 3:9; cf. Mt 18:14.
⁹⁷ Jn 13:34; cf. 1 Jn 3; 4; Lk 10:25-37.

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