

Palm Sunday



St. Theresa Catholic Church
Worship Aid and Bulletin / April 10, 2022

Prelude— *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, L. Smith; Susan Neff, piano, Jean Fuller, organ

The **COMMEMORATION of the LORD'S ENTRANCE into JERUSALEM**

At the 11:00 Mass the Solemn Procession will begin in the courtyard.

Entrance Antiphon

Please stand



Invocation

Blessing of Palms

Gospel - Luke 19:28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount.

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

Invitation

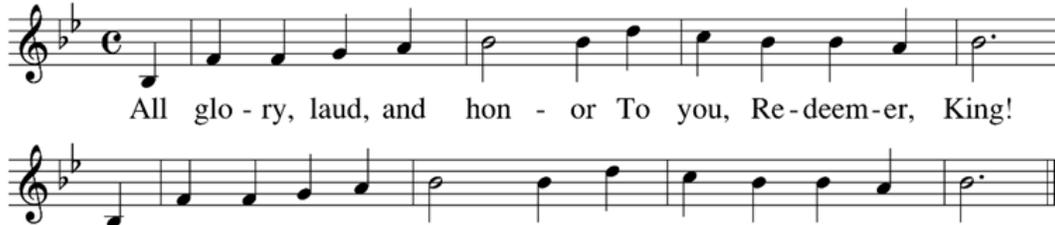
Celebrant Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Hymn to Christ the King – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er, King!
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san-nas ring.

Verses



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went;
4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



D.C.

Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless-ed One.
And we, with all cre - a - tion, In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

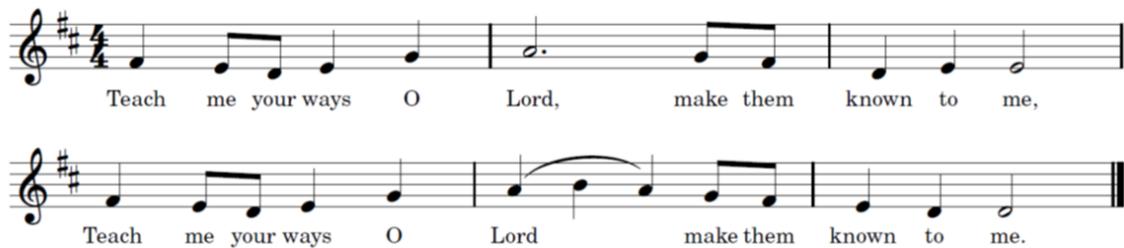
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Tune: ST. THEODULPH, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Collect

Please sit

THE LITURGY of the WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word – *Teach Me Your Ways O Lord*, Stevens/Henderson (9:00)



Teach me your ways O Lord, make them known to me,
Teach me your ways O Lord make them known to me.

First Reading – *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24



My God, my God, why have you a - ban-doned me?

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their
heads:

“He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he
delights.” R.

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.

But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the
assembly;

“You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him
glory;
revere him, all you descendants of
Israel. R.

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Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading — *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation — *Philippians 2:8-9*

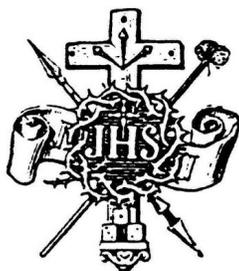
Please stand



Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Music: *Kyrie Orbis Factor*, acc. by David Hurd

Verse: Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.



The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The elders of the people, chief priests and scribes, arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." – Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. – Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.

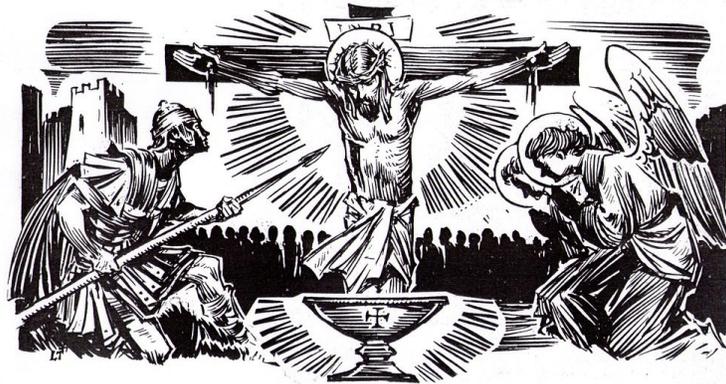
When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.



Homily Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

Prayer of the Faithful Announcements

*Please sit
Please stand*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Anthem *O Come and Mourn with Me a While*, Nicolai Montani (Sat, 5 PM and Sun, 11 AM)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Brian Hanson (Sun, 9 AM)

Invitation to Prayer

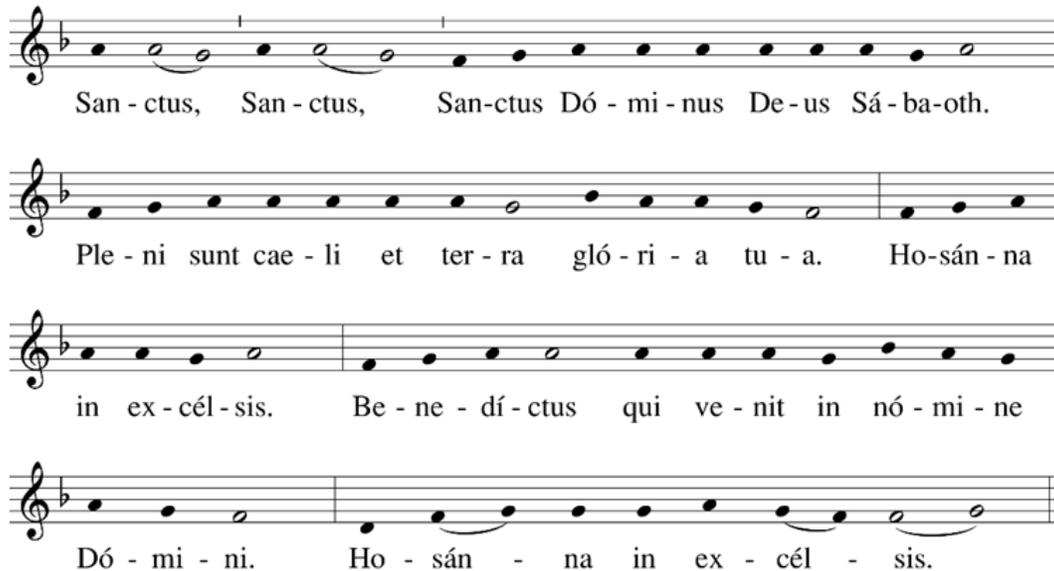
Please stand

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy, Holy, Holy – *Sanctus* from *Cantus Missae*, Richard Proulx

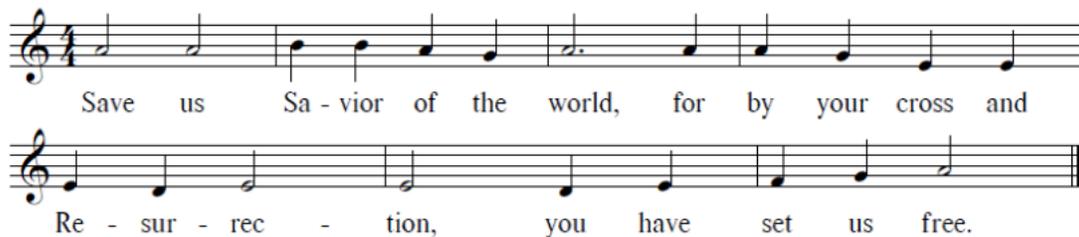


San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na
in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Please kneel or be seated

Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*, Covington



Save us Sa - vior of the world, for by your cross and
Re - sur - rec - tion, you have set us free.

Great Amen – *chant*

Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

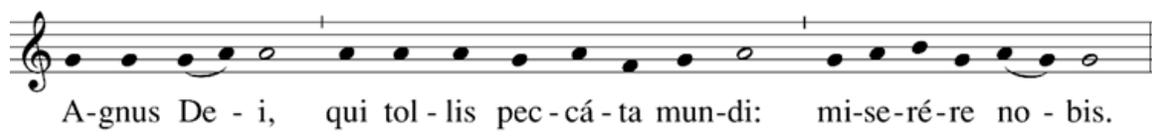
Sign of Peace

Lamb of God – *Agnus Dei* from *Cantus Missae*, Richard Proulx

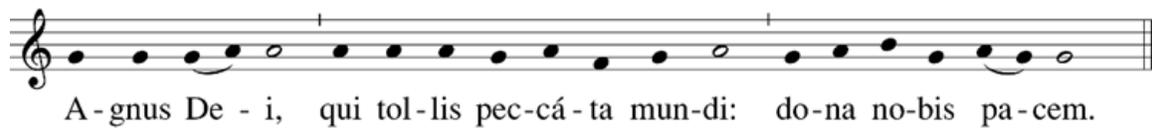
Cantor: *All:*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.



A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Please kneel as you are able



Communion Antiphon

Congregational Refrain



O Lord, make haste to help me.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People

Blessing and Dismissal

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

WELCOME to St. Theresa Parish! We are glad you are here and want to walk with you no matter where you are on your journey of faith.

Rev. Larry Covington, Pastor
Rev. Moses Iyogwoya MSP, Parochial Vicar

MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday | 11:30 AM

Saturday | 5:00 PM

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM*, 11:00 AM

*This mass will be livestreamed.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Friday | 9 AM—5 PM | 512-451-5121

BAPTISM—Contact Donna Henderson, parish secretary. (x1002)

MARRIAGE—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) at least six months in advance of the wedding.

FUNERALS—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) for arrangements.

BECOMING CATHOLIC—Contact Amy Allert (x1008).

HOLY WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun, 4/10	Liturgy of the Word with Children, 9 a.m. Cornerstone, 10:15 a.m., Family Center Catechesis classes, 10:15 a.m., Elmer RCIA, 10:20 a.m., Elmer, Rm. 205 Youth groups, 6 p.m., Elmer and gym
Tues, 4/12	No daily Mass, all clergy at Chrism Mass Senior Adult Book Club, 10:15am, Elmer 205
Wed, 4/13	Catalyst Men, 6 a.m.-7:20a.m., Family Center
Thu, 4/14	HOLY THURSDAY MASS, 7 p.m. Adoration at the Altar of Repose, 8 p.m.— midnight, gym
Fri, 4/15	GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY, 12 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m. outdoors, 3:00 p.m. in the church.
Sat, 4/16	GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, 8:15 p.m.
Sun, 4/17	EASTER SUNDAY MASS, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (both church and gym)* 11:00 a.m. (church only), *livestream on YouTube and FB Easter Egg Hunt, after 9 a.m. Mass, 5th grade and younger

More information at www.sttaustin.org.

DAILY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9

Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

5:00 p.m.....Toni Conroy †

Sunday, April 10

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Lk 19:28-40 (procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11 Lk 23:1-49

7:30 a.m.....David Lesso †

9:00 a.m.....Eugene Bianchi Mazzurana †

11:00 a.m.....Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

Monday of Holy Week, April 11

Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

11:30 a.m.....Martha Davis

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12

Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

No daily Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13

Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

11:30 a.m.....Donald Streetman †

Thursday, April 14

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-

26 Jn 13:1-15

7:00 p.m.....Buddy Hopkins †

Friday, April 15

FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

12:00 p.m. Liturgy.....

Saturday, April 16

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Gn 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Ex 14:15—15:1,

Is 54:5-14, Ez 36:16-28 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Lk 24:1-12 (see all correlating psalms at bible.usccb.org.)

8:15 p.m.....Paige Cutter

Sunday, April 17

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9

7:30 a.m.....Kenneth Mader †

9:00 a.m. (church).....Warren Scott Rose †

9:00 a.m. (gym).....Christine Godell †

11:00 a.m.....Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

Parish News and Events



HOLY WEEK AT ST. THERESA, APRIL 10 – 17

Tuesday – There will be no 11:30 a.m. Mass, all clergy attending the Chrism Mass. The public can watch the Chrism Mass at austindiocese.org/watch.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m. The blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration on the Altar of Repose in the gym following Mass and until midnight.

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 12 p.m. This year includes the veneration of the cross.

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m. (church), 2:30 p.m. (outdoors). The outdoor Stations will go through the woods on campus. A small group will set out every 5-10 minutes from the front of Elmer Hall. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil, 8:15 p.m. This most holy of all nights begins in the plaza outside church with the lighting of the new fire and includes a procession and lighting of vigil candles, a retelling of salvation history, and the baptism and full initiation of adults. This holy night is an awe-inspiring opportunity for you and your family.

Easter Sunday Mass – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.* (in both the church and the gym), **11:00 a.m.** (church only)

NEW: Childcare will be provided for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Masses
*livestreamed

DONATE EGGS FOR PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Children in 5th and younger may enjoy an Easter egg hunt after the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17. Please help by donating 1-2 dozen candy filled eggs for the kiddos by April 13. Collection boxes are in the Narthex.



MADE FOR MORE with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

APRIL 28, 7:00—9:30 PM, St. Theresa Church
Complimentary Childcare Available!



Best-selling author/speaker Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione will be presenting their multimedia event *Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land*. You do not want to miss this opportunity. If you have ever wanted to share your faith

with someone, a family member or friend, but were not sure how, invite them to this event. \$25 Tickets available at the QR code.



STEWARDSHIP

Contributions:

Weekly—Mar 28-Apr 3.....	\$49,249
April to date.....	\$26,711
March to date.....	\$169,286
Fiscal Year '22 to date.....	\$1,599,872

Budgeted Offertory:

April Budget.....	\$184,415
March Budget.....	\$175,035
FY '22 to date Budget.....	\$1,551,753
FY22 Budget.....	\$1,998,763

For more information visit
sttaustin.org/ways-to-give
Our Fiscal Year is July-June.

Welcome New Members

Timothy and Katherine Berry
Timothy James Berry III

Rhodes Coons

Peter and Susan McNamara

Fay Doran

Roger and Isabel Stanley
Emma, Olivia, Miles

Julian Quintero & Roberto Sanchez

Welcome through Baptism:

Agata Gloria Mensing



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NEWS AND EVENTS

HELP US REBUILD OUR ORGAN!

Our biggest resource for music at St. Theresa is our organ, and it is failing. Built with components and technology from the 80's and 90's, the organ console needs to be rebuilt, and the price is high at \$155,000. Please help by contributing to the Organ Rebuild Fund. See more, including a video and donate link, by pointing your phone camera at this QR code.



CORNERSTONE SUNDAYS

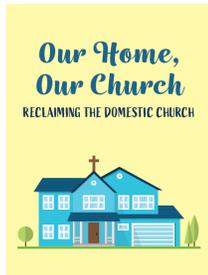
10:15-11:00 a.m., in the Family Center

Stop by after the 9 a.m. Mass or before the 11 a.m. Mass for donuts, coffee and a talk by Ryan Pollock on *In the Desert with the Fathers*.

“OUR HOME, OUR CHURCH” BY FR. LARRY

Book Signing April 30-May 1st, after all masses

Fr. Larry has written a book about how to make your home a holy place where you and your family can encounter God in everyday living. Proceeds from the book sales will help fund the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry program. Book presales available a few days before signing. Details to come.



GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

There will be a special collection on Good Friday to support Franciscans working in the Holy Land. The collection is devoted to the preservation of the holy places of pilgrimage where Jesus lived, died and rose again.

PLEASE PRAY

Leorah Freeman will be baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time at Easter Vigil. Please keep her in your prayers as she enters the final days of preparation for full initiation into the Catholic Church.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PARISH MEMBERSHIP

1. Did you know that attending Mass at St. Theresa on a regular basis and contributing to the offertory is wonderful, but we won't know you are a member until you register? Please register on the parish website or at the QR code.
2. If your email address has changed, you may not be receiving important communications from the parish. Please update your email, phone or address at the QR code and click on “update your information”.
3. If your status has changed, we'd like to know. Maybe there is a new child, a divorce, someone has died, or you have moved away or joined another parish. Or, maybe you don't want to receive offertory envelopes anymore. Please contact Geneva in the parish office so that we may update our records. Email Geneva@sttaustin.org or 512-451-5121 x1003.



✠ Adoration of the Cross

ONE OF the most impressive parts of the Good Friday liturgy is when the faithful come forward to show their respect for the Cross of Christ. For years, this has been called an act of veneration, but the revised English translation now calls it adoration.

Adoration is a word we reserve for God. Catholics do not adore the Virgin Mary. We do not adore saints. We do not adore statues. We offer degrees of veneration to show our respect for the saints who dwell with God and the images that invite us to imitate their lives.

However, the Cross holds a special place of honor on Good Friday. It is an image of the wood upon which the limbs of Christ were stretched, and upon which his Precious Blood was spilled. The original Cross, therefore, was the instrument of our salvation, and, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, it is “worshiped with the same adoration as Christ” (*Summa Theologica* III, q. 25, a. 4).

The practice of kissing the Cross on Good Friday dates back to the fourth century, where the faithful in Jerusalem had in their possession what they believed to be the true Cross of Christ. Not every church has the true Cross, of course. But as Amalarius wrote in the ninth century, “the power of the holy cross is not absent in those crosses that were made in the likeness of the Lord's cross.”

The faithful may adore the Cross on Good Friday in any way they choose: with a kiss, a bow, a genuflection, or standing in silence, with or without their shoes. Upon leaving the church on Good Friday, it is appropriate to genuflect in the direction of the Cross.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER CAMPS

We are excited to host several camps at St. Theresa again this summer! Find the latest info on the parish website.

Monumental VBS June 6-10, 2022!

Make plans to include a southwest-themed VBS in your summer camp plans. For students entering Kinder-5th grades. Adult volunteer registration now open at sttaustin.org/camps. Camp registration coming soon!



Vacation Bible School at St. Theresa
June 6- 10, 2022
Adult Volunteers Needed

Register Now for Mobile Loaves and Fishes Camp June 27th—July 1st, 9 a.m.—1 p.m., Grades 1-8

It's Beyond Me!

"It's Beyond Me!", encourages campers to embrace a lifestyle of service. Campers will

participate in activities that help them look beyond themselves and serve others in a way that honors both their own interests and the needs of the community. Go to sttaustin.org/camps to find the registration link.

Sports Camps

Week-long camps for volleyball, basketball, soccer and flag football are in June and July for girls and boys entering grades 4-8 next year. Go to sttaustin.org/camps to save the dates for your favorites. Registration coming soon.

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Family Faith Scouting Retreat will be at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center. \$50 per family or \$15 for individuals includes lunch, t-shirt and activities. It's open to all Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Troops of St. George Scouters, or anyone wanting to learn more about scouting. Register at the QR code by April 27.



RETREAT FOR MOMS OF KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

April 29-May 1: Rest in Me!

Cedarbrake will host a weekend of rest and renewal for moms and female caregivers of children with physical, mental or intellectual disabilities and/or chronic medical issues. The weekend will be led by Judy Hoelscher who is a spiritual director and retired hospital chaplain. Register at austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

SENIOR ADULTS CORNER

St. Theresa parish strives to incorporate our seniors through opportunities for fellowship, spiritual formation, outreach, and fun.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m. in Elmer Hall 205

Are you a caregiver for someone suffering from a long-term illness or disease? If so, let us be an encouragement for each other. Questions? Contact Ryan Pollock at ryan-pollock@sttaustin.org or 512-451-5121.

PLAY BRIDGE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

All senior adults are invited to join the Bridge group on Wednesdays at noon in the Family Center. Newcomers to the game are welcome as well.

SENIOR ADULT BOOK CLUB

April 12, at 10:15am, the Senior Adult Book Club will discuss C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* in Elmer, Rm. 205.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR STCS 80'S GALA!

April 23rd at the Oasis

How long has it been since you have dined out with a group of friends, gone dancing with a group of friends? The school Gala promises to be great fun with an 80's theme, featuring live music by Austin's ultimate 80's tribute band, The Spazmatics, retro cocktails and dinner, live auction, photo booth and Oasis scenic view! Ticket info is on the school website, st-theresa.org. All are invited!



APPLY TODAY!

Learn more about our Little Flower Academy Pre-K. Limited spots available in PreK 3&4. The next assessment for potential students is April 29th. Apply at St-Theresa.org.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Merciful Messiah

Almighty God,
look with mercy on your people,
and grant us forgiveness.
Increase our faith
as we honor Jesus, our messiah,
who brings us to new life in you.

May we praise you with our whole heart,
following the humble example of your Son.
Take away our sinfulness
and lead us to the joy of your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 10, 2022

True Love



Today's readings: Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56. In the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the tenor of the readings begins with joyous acclaims of hosanna to later change to horrifying calls for Jesus' death. On this Sunday, the Gospel reading of the procession portrays crowds regarding Jesus as a king, but in the Gospel during the Liturgy of the Word, our Lord is mocked.

No matter how the people treated Jesus, he was true to himself and the mission God gave him. As St. Paul tells us in the Letter to the Philippians, "he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death." When Jesus was

about to be arrested, he healed the high priest's servant and called on his disciples to refrain from violence. And when asked if he is the Christ, Jesus only responded by saying, "You say so."

In his passion, Jesus teaches us that no matter the circumstance, we are to remain true to the person God has created us to be. Through such authentic living, we carry our cross, turn from our old way of living, and allow our heart to be open to God. Luke's account of the Gospel records that all of Jesus' "acquaintances stood at a distance." As we observe his passion and death today, we can stand by his cross, acclaiming in our hearts, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 11

Servant to All

Our first reading is a part of the servant songs in the Book of Isaiah. These are also known as the songs of the suffering servant; the others are found in Isaiah 49, 50, and 52–53. The prophecies within these songs point to Jesus, who brought justice and peace to all people and yet endured great suffering for us. Give thanks to Jesus today by serving another without counting the cost to you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

Tuesday, April 12

Chrism Mass

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the Chrism Mass, at which the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick are blessed, and the sacred chrism is consecrated for use that year. Pray for all priests, who serve the people of God in parishes and diocese around the world through the administration of the sacraments and in countless other ways. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, April 13

Betrayals

Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and later regretted his actions. Jesus knew that a close friend would turn him over to the authorities. All of us have made unkind comments or poor choices that have betrayed, hurt, or defamed another person. Take quiet prayer time today to pray for those you have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive yourself for what you said or did, and for his grace of unending mercy. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

Thursday, April 14

Servant Leadership

During the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Church celebrates Jesus' gift of the Eucharist but also the Lord's modeling of servant leadership. During the Passover meal, Jesus, "fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power," bent to wash the feet of his disciples. Enter into the Sacred Paschal Triduum tonight by participating at Mass in your parish. *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.*

Friday, April 15

All for You

Jesus died on the cross to raise us to new life in the Spirit. As Christians, we are called to commend our spirit to God, and fully surrender our lives to him. Pray with a sincere heart today, remembering all that Jesus has done for you. *Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42.*

Saturday, April 16

Most Holy Night

At the Easter Vigil, the high point of the liturgical year, those who have been preparing for the initiation sacraments received baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. Pray with and welcome these new members of the Church. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15–15:1; Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 3:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Luke 24:1–12.*

