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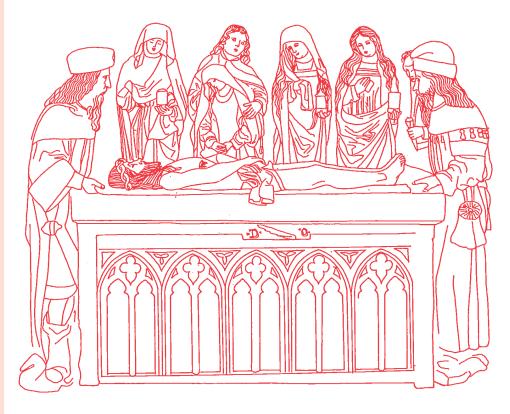
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Entombment, stone, Bayon church

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Were You There

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m.

10:45 а.м.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MONDAY, MARCH 26 - Monday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. George J. Matesich (RIP) (Anniversary) by Jim & Amy Matesich

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 - Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Betty Koenig (RIP) by Michael Grevenkamp WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. John C. Kinney (RIP) by Diane Kinney

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Lucille Van Order (RIP) by Robin Van Order

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 -

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

12:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Edward Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 -

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Edward Parish

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Edward Parish

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Edward Parish

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.

MARCH 31/APRIL 1 LECTORS:

Volunteers

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS:

Volunteers

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Mary Maltry, Mickey Smith

GIFT BEARERS:

8:00 p.m. Volunteer 7:30 a.m. Volunteer 9:00 a.m. Volunteer 11:00 a.m. Volunteer

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 25, 2018 – YEAR B

ORGAN PRELUDE (5:00 & 8:15)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT (10:45 Choir):

Hosanna to the son of David... (chant)

PROCESSION (10:45 Choir):

Hosanna to the Son of David (Schutte)

ENTRANCE (all Masses):

All Glory, Laud & Honor (#138)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 22: My God,

my God, why have you abandoned me? (p. 97)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! (p. 98)

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: Lord, hear our prayer. (chanted)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

O Sacred Head, Surrounded (#147) SANCTUS: chanted (#846)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

"Save us, Savior of the world..." (chanted)

AMEN: chanted

AGNUS DEI: chanted (#850)

COMMUNION: I Am the Bread of Life

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 Choir): Vexilla Regis/

The Royal Banners Forward Go (metricized chant)

CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Were You There? (#151)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Sandy Wolfe 8:15 a.m. Karen Bovenizer 10:45 a.m. Michael Flanigan

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact our nursery coordinator, Lauren Alspach at 330-760-0756 or Lauren.Alspach@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Sunday offertory collection for March 18th was not available due to the early bulletin deadline.

Flocknote ~ Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has joined our St. Edward Flocknote. We hope you have been inspired by our Lenten series! If you aren't in the "Flock" you can join via the church website www.saintedwards.org or text: confessor to 84576.

Keep up to date with special announcements and events at church. You can choose specific ministries that you would like to join and receive the latest news from them. You can unsubscribe at any time.

WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

- 1. As we enter into these days we call "holy," I urge all to join us at the services of the week:
- Holy Thursday, March 29 with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, beginning at 7:00 p.m., with Adoration to follow.
- Good Friday, March 30, the Community Cross Walk, beginning here at St. Edward at 10:45 a.m. and the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:30 p.m. (The church will be open all day for private prayer.)
- Holv Saturday, March 31, the Easter Vigil Mass, beginning
- Easter Sunday, April 1, (change in Mass times) 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (No Mass at Denison.)

I know many school families will be on break, so consider joining us and filling those seats.

2. As we move now from the season of Lent into Eastertide, let us reflect with joy in the words of the late Brian Doyle:

Father, Son, Spirit Holy

.... "So we remember the central miracle and paradox of the faith that binds us each to each: that we believe, against all evidence and sense, in life and love and light, in the victory of those things over death and evil and darkness. Such a ferocious and brave notion, to be hinted at by such a simple motion, and gesture itself lasting perhaps all of four seconds.

Simple as the Sign of the Cross is, it carries a brave weight: it names the Trinity, celebrates the Creator, and brings home all the power of faith to the brush of fingers on skin and bone. So do we, sometimes well and sometimes ill, labor to bring home our belief in God's love to the stuff of our daily lives, the skin and bone of this world - and the Sign of the Cross helps us to remember that we have a Companion on the road.

Alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit. Alleluia!



Holy Week collections can be made through the online giving program. Holy Thursday collection will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. On Good Friday, the Church will take up a worldwide collection for the Holy Land - its people and its shrines. Monetary support is desperately needed by those struggling to maintain the faith, as well as the Church's physical presence there.

Catholic Relief Services contributions made to this fund can be made on a recurring basis or one-time, anytime throughout the year. Catholic Relief Services is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Please be generous. Subscriptions for the Catholic Times are still available and can be paid through Online Giving - the suggested contribution is \$17.00.

New to St. Edward Parish? Would you like to give Online Giving a try? Please use the link on the parish website www.saintedwards. org and select "Sign up for a New Account" to register. Please do not hesitate to call the office at 740-587-3254 if you have any questions or need assistance.

St. Edward is very grateful and blessed by the generous support to our Parish by parishioners using the Online Giving Program. Thank you.

RCIA

The group will have its Holy Week Retreat this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. We will not meet this Tuesday, May 27th. Please pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors this week as they await next Saturday evening's Solemn Easter Vigil Mass!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 36th annual Granville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be held Monday-Friday, June 4th-8th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Centenary Methodist is the host church, and registration information will be available soon.



IGNITE SCHEDULE

April 8th - Lights Out Dodgeball, 7:00-9:00 p.m. April 15th - One Moment: The Poor LifeNight, 7:00-9:00 p.m. April 22nd - Revitalize XLT, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2018 ~ REVEALED

It is time to register for Steubenville Conference, June 22nd-24th at Franciscan University! This year, our parish wants to pay the fee for students to attend. Over 50.000 Catholic teens across North America will participate in 25 Steubenville Youth Conferences this summer, and we want you to be one of them! Come experience the love of God in a new and more profound way. He has so much in store for you.

St. Ed's IGNITE will attend the conference. Please register with youth@saintedwards.org or pick up more information from the Youth Office.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Hosanna! Todav's full title - Palm Sundav of the Passion of the Lord – offers an insight into the structure of today's Mass. We begin in triumph; we recall when Jesus entered Jerusalem to the waving of palm branches. We hear Mark's Gospel account of his passion and the people's shouts of "Crucify him." We receive the body and blood of Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross. We pray that we, too, might be raised up on the last day. Today and throughout this most blessed of weeks, may we prayerfully contemplate God's great love for us. ~ Paul (740-587-3254, music@saintedwards.org)

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION – 2017-2018

The Upcoming PSR Schedule is: Today, Sunday, March 25 NO CLASSES FOR GRADES 5-8 & Pre-K/K -**School Spring Break**

This Wednesday, March 28 NO CLASSES FOR GRADES 1-4 - School Spring Break and Holy Week

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2018

On Good Friday, the Church will take up a worldwide collection for the Holy Land - its people and its shrines. Monetary support is desperately needed by those struggling to maintain the faith, as well as the Church's physical presence there. A little extra advertising in our parishes would be helpful. Please consider going to eohsinorthcentral.org and click "Good Friday Collection Materials 2018" for additional information, which is free, and do whatever you can do to spread the word. Thank you.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a parish Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st at noon (after the 11:00 Mass). Children ages 8 and under are invited. The egg hunt will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Parish Hall.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 25

Choir - 9:30 a.m. - Loft Food Pantry Collection

Monday, March 26 - Holy Week

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30 a.m. until

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Tuesday, March 27

Edwardians to Chrism Mass - 1:30 p.m. - St. Edward Parking Lot

Bell Choir - 7:00 p.m. - Loft

Wednesday, March 28

Confessions - 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 29

Choir - 6:15 p.m. - Loft

Mass of the Last Supper – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner for Denison Students - 8:30 p.m. - Day Y Noche

Good Friday, March 30

Ecumenical Cross Walk - 10:45 a.m. - St. Edward Parking Lot

Choir – Noon – Loft

Solemn Liturgy - 12:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31

Choir – 7:15 p.m. – Loft

Vigil Mass – 8:00 p.m. ~ RCIA Reception after Mass – Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 7:30 a.m. ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - noon

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER

Holy Week

Confessions, Wednesday, March 28 ~ 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Thursday, March 29 (No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00 p.m.

Vigil ~ After Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Night Prayer ~ 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30

Ecumenical Cross Walk ~ 10:45 a.m.

begin at St. Edward parking lot

Solemn Liturgy ~ 12:30 p.m. (Only one Service

Easter

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil, March 31 ~ 8:00 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday Masses ~ April 1 ~ 7:30 a.m. ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

(Note change in Mass times. No Mass at Denison)

LENTEN RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Join our faith community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities, too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.



FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

What better way to celebrate Easter than to say the Rosary! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space.

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

- Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.
- This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat, are permitted.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on given fast day.
- Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Good Friday.
- On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal.
- Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.



Come join us for a powerful, and life-transforming series, and be the man, husband, and father that God is calling you to be! Learn through this series what it means to be a man for Christ in our society. That Man Is You! is a weekly program that includes a short video lecture, with coffee and donuts, followed by small group discussion.

WHERE: St. Edward Parish Hall, WHEN: Saturday, April 7th, TIME: 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sharp. SIGN UP Online at www.thatmanisvou. org. For more information, please contact Tim Collins at 740-587-7667 or tmc8004@gmail.com.

ST. EDWARD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Edward Preschool is accepting applications for the 2018-19 preschool year and currently has spaces available in our Tuesday/ Thursday (T/TH) 3 year old morning classes, as well as our Pre-K 4/5 year old afternoon classes.

The T/TH morning classes are from 9:00-11:30 am and are open to children that will be three years of age by September 30, 2018. The Pre-K afternoon classes are from 12:15-3:15 p.m., Monday -Thursday, and are open to four and five year olds.

Packets of registration information are downloadable from https://www.saintedwards.org/preschool, and are also available on a table outside St. Edward Preschool office and at St. Edward Church in the Gathering Space. We welcome families to visit our preschool and ask that you call/email ahead so we can arrange a tour. For more information, contact Mrs. Adrienne Evans, St. Edward Preschool Director, at (740) 587-3275 or at preschool@saintedwards.org. Thank you and Blessings!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAILED

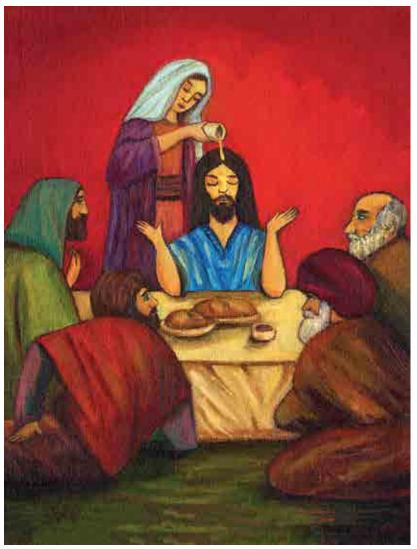
Attention Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers: The schedule for April 8th-June 24th has been mailed. There are extra copies in the Altar Server side of the sacristy and the Parish Office is working on a "good email list" to email the schedule to you. Please call the parish office if you haven't gotten a copy.



~ Opening Your Heart ~ How do I Read the Bible in a Meaningful Way? APRIL 9TH ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ Parish Hall

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a women's Catholic Bible Study held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall through April 16th. The program aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at WWP each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. More news soon regarding joining a summer book group. For more information, contact Anna Hofer at 740-334-0170 or amariehofer@hotmail.com.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Worthy Vessels

Eternal and glorious God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to redeem us. Bring your Holy Spirit upon each of us and like the anointing at Bethany, may your Spirit anoint us with your love and make us worthy vessels ready to pour out your gift of mercy.

Give us generous hearts so that, transformed by Jesus' Passion and renewed in his Resurrection, our lives may become signs of your generosity, love, and peace.

Grant us, O Lord, the courage to embrace the cross, which calls us to put aside our desires and witness to the victory over sin and death.

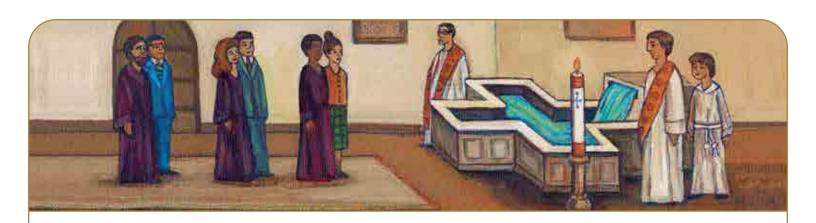
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 25, 2018 Triumph and Suffering

Today's Readings: Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1—15:47. As we begin the holiest week of the liturgical year, the liturgy is filled with emotion. During the past five weeks, the Church has taken time to ponder God's mercy. At the same time, each of us has confronted our sin to prepare our hearts for the fullness of life promised by the Paschal Mystery of Christ. At the procession the Gospel is filled with excitement as Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem. Is this a foreshadowing of the triumph of the Resurrection? Imagine the crowds that might have gathered and spread their cloaks as Jesus entered the city. At Mass, after the Preface, we still sing "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" At every liturgy, Christ,

who reigns in glory, is present and nourishes us so we should sing *Hosanna*.

As the liturgy progresses, the mood changes and we hear the passage of the Suffering Servant and the anguish in Psalm 22, which both prepare us to hear the story of the Passion. When have you prayed the words of Psalm 22? When all of these readings are proclaimed together, we learn that Christ is the servant who suffered and died for our sins. Even though the Passion narrative is filled with sorrow, Mark's Gospel account presents us with a strong confirmation that Jesus is the Messiah. As we draw closer to Easter, take time to pray with the Passion, praying for all who suffer that they may rise with Christ.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 26

Chosen One

In the First Reading, we hear part of the Servant Song. God's chosen one will bring justice to the nations. He is not a warrior, but will restore sight to the blind and free captives. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' anointing that foreshadows his burial. The message at the start of this week is that Jesus is the chosen one who frees us from sin and unites us as one family. What gift might you present or give to the poor and dying? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

Tuesday, March 27 Betrayal

As today's Gospel unfolds, it is revealed that Judas will betray Jesus. Throughout the passage, Jesus seems to be clear about what he will endure in the coming days, but the disciples seem clueless. How do you think you would have accompanied Jesus during his passion and death? Have you ever betrayed Jesus? Disconnect from social media for the remainder of the week and focus on prayer and listening. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, March 28

Spy Wednesday

Today is known traditionally as Spy Wednesday because the Gospel narrates Judas' act of betrayal. Like Judas, we have seen and heard the Good News, but yet we also at times give in to the temptations of money, power, or authority. This Lenten season invited us to recall those times we have betrayed Jesus, to repent, and to open our hearts to be transformed in love. Make time to journal about your Lenten experience. *Today's Readings: Isaiah* 50:4–9a; *Psalm* 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday

This evening, parishes throughout the world gather to celebrate the beginning of the Sacred Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. These three days, the holiest of the liturgical year, invite us to lay aside distractions and experience the Paschal Mystery. Be nourished by the Eucharist and stay to keep vigil with the Lord. *Today's Readings: Chrism Mass Isaiah 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9; Psalm 89:21–22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1:5–8; Luke 4:16–21. 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, March 30

Good Friday

We enter the church today in silence to meditate on Jesus' death and what it means for our life. Pay close attention to the Gospel, the Adoration of the Cross, and the Solemn Intercessions. Give yourself over to the prayer of the liturgy and listen to God's invitation. What do you hear? *Today's Readings: 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, March 31

Easter Vigil

In the stillness of the night, the Church gathers to share her story of salvation and to proclaim the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. Listen for the many images in the *Exsultet* so that you may ponder them later. *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; *Ezekiel* 36:16–17a, 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; *Mark* 16:1–7.





Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"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)

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." ~Venerable Fulton Sheen

March 26 ~ 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, one 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 27 ∼ 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, one 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 28 ∼ 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, one 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 29 ~ 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 30 ∼ 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.

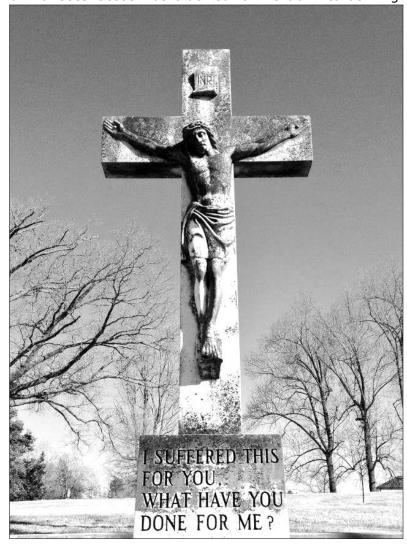
After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing 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 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. 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).

Look at the vivid image of the crucifix to the right, now read the inscription at the base of the crucifix: "I suffered this for you, what have you done for me?" Makes you think, doesn't it? It should! And it begs the question that each of us must ask ourselves: out of pure and total love Jesus suffered and died on the cross for me; what have I done for Jesus in return to show my love and thanks to him? (This outdoor crucifix is located on the grounds at the Abbey of Gethsemani.)



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." Pray the Stations of the Cross today; on-line Stations (in English) are available at 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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2018 Spring Fling for the Haven "We Honor Those Who Serve" Thursday, May 10, 2018

Every year we take time to honor two community members who have gone above and beyond the "call of duty" to serve our communities neediest. This year we honor Skip Salome and a "surprise" honoree. As many of you know Skip has literally served countless people through his selfless catering at our events and many others around our community throughout the years. Skip served as a board member for us and it is truly an honor for us to honor him.

The service of many truly can empower the growth of our less-fortunate. Below is the story of one, we were honored to serve.

Most all addicts who struggle with addiction and hopeful recovery do so through the virtue of perseverance. Prior to injuring his back; prior to becoming addicted to pills; and prior to becoming addicted to heroin, he had never used drugs or even smoked a cigarette. Jon ran a successful flooring business at age thirty-one. "From the first pill [life] was out of control," he said. Within six months, he had lost his business and damaged treasured relationships.

Then, his life was racked with pain, despair and life under a bridge while in and out of The Haven. Jon says, "the power of addiction, doesn't discriminate." [It] "then creates a madness, an inescapable darkness." He reminisces, St. Vincent Haven helped to re-ignite the light in his life, which had dimmed. He stated that he had overdosed and been brought back to life thirteen times.

For Jon, the fifth time was the charm. He was a guest at the Haven five times before he got things turned around. Thirteen times being brought back to life and five times through our shelter highlights the great ongoing story of God's infinite mercy in our lives. He knows now that God's hand was always there, guiding him to a greater purpose, which he now embarks upon in his new life.

Now, Jon holds steady employment, has his own apartment, and enjoys marital bliss and clean sober living – in fact, is and is very active in the community's war on opioids. All of us, here at the Haven are blessed by Jon's story and example of great perseverance.

We need you...

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The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is sponsoring a "40 Days, 40 Cans" campaign. Each family is asked to donate 40 cans to the pantry as their "works of love" during Lent. The pantry is in need of canned fruit, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, skillet dinners and personal items (toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent). Families may also make a monetary donation to the pantry by placing a check in the offering, listing the Food Pantry in the memo section of the check or donate Online choosing the Food Pantry fund. Thanks for thinking of the pantry during this Lenten season.

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We are proud to have two separate scholarships available to any St. Edward parishioner in good standing, who is actively pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited institution. Applications are available in the Parish Office and on the Parish website www.saintedwards.org. See the guidelines below for more specific details. We suggest you apply to both and wish you the best of luck with your application. Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office on or before April 23.

FATHER LOWERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2018

Applications for the 2018 award of The Father Thomas J. Lowery Scholarship are now available in the Parish office and on the Parish website www.saintedwards.org.

The scholarship was established to honor the memory of our former pastor and is presented annually. Former applicants who have not been recipients of the award are encouraged to reapply.

BERNICE AND JOE CIRICOSTA \$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2018

Applications for the 2018 award of The Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship are now being accepted. Applications are available in the Parish Office and on the Parish website. Please see the "The Bernice & Joseph Ciricosta Tuition Assistance Application" link on the home page of our Parish website. This \$1,500.00 scholarship, established to honor the memory of Bernice and Joe Ciricosta, dedicated educators, will be presented annually to any parishioner in good standing of St. Edward Parish who is currently pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited institution. Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office on or before April 23, 2018.



SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

The Women of St. Edward invite all women of the parish to attend a morning presentation by Lori Crock. She will be returning to talk to us about "Holy and Healthy Catholic: Finding Abundance in Spiritual and Physical Strength." More info to come.

2018 The Edwardians!

A Senior Social Group for Men and Women 50 and Up

Palm Sunday is a Christian holy day that marks the beginning of Holy Week and Commemorates Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. Blessings to you during Holy Week.



CHRISM MASS, ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, Columbus, on Tuesday, March 27th. Park your cars at the back of the church parking lot. We will board a motor coach at 1:30 p.m. there, then

depart for O'Charley's restaurant in Columbus. Upon arrival at St. Joseph, you may visit the Undercroft of the Cathedral where prior bishops are entombed. The motor coach will drop us off and pick us up right after Mass in front of the Cathedral. We will then return to St. Edward Church. A Catholic Foundation Grant contributed to this event.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Somerset, OH – 200th Anniversary of Catholicism in Ohio, Tuesday, April 17th. A special invitation to the Edwardians from St. Joseph Church.

The Edwardians will join parishioners of St. Joseph Church and Holy Trinity Church of Somerset to celebrate a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph. A docent tour of the church with lunch by women of the parish. **More details to come.** All-inclusive **cost is \$25.00 per person.**

NOTE: For this special anniversary, St. Joseph Church has been totally refurbished to celebrate their 200th Anniversary 2018 – the first Catholic Church in Ohio.

A Catholic Foundation Grant contributed to this event. Paid reservations due by Wednesday, April 11th.

Note: You may pay for multiple events in one check. E-mail lindawoolard@windstream.net or phone 740-323-3105. FOR ALL EVENTS, make check payable to "THE EDWARDIANS." **Mail to** Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road, Newark, OH 43055-5204.

EXPECTING A NEW ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY?

Congratulations to you! As you prepare for your child's birth, don't forget to prepare for their Baptism! Expectant parents must attend a baptismal preparation class and choose godparents who fulfill Church requirements. For more information, contact Cheryl Boggess in the Parish Office.

GOOD FRIDAY GRANVILLE COMMUNITY CROSS WALK

All ages are welcome for this prayerful experience on March 30th at 10:45 a.m., starting at the St. Edward parking lot. The 1.3 mile silent procession includes scripture readings along the way and ends at Denison University's Swasey Chapel. Rides up the Denison hill will be available, as well as rides back to St. Edward. A wooden cross will be carried by students. Scripture passages will be read at stops along the way. Children in strollers & wagons are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY WALKING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins with opening prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 30th. Hundreds from across the Diocese will process to locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. This is open to all ages. For more information, contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 614-241-2565.

The Catechism Corner

On this Palm Sunday, the last week of Lent, we read in our Catechisms two paragraphs, 559 and 560, entitled "Jesus' Messianic entrance into Jerusalem" 559 - How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save" or "Give Salvation!"), the "King of Glory" enters his city riding on an ass. Ps 24:7-10; Zech. 9:9. The subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" (Holy, holy, holy...) of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover. **560** – Jesus entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the Kingdom that the King - Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week. May you have a blessed Holy Week.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Applications for a Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation are now being accepted until April 13th. The Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation has responsibility for directing the parish pastoral ministry to young adults and overseeing faith formation programs. There is a special emphasis on family ministry. A complete description of this part-time position is available at columbuscatholic.org and click on the tab employment or go to our web page at blsac.net.

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TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, WELCOME!! ...AND SOME ADVICE FROM SEASONED PARENTS

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Point out to them the candles, the lights, the stained glass, the crucifix. Show them and invite them to mirror the Priest's hand movements.

Sing the hymn, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Give them a boring wall to look at and let the child know that they are missing out on something important when you leave the Church!

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome families and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. Your smile may give them the boost to keep coming back!

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In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...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." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.

For some 2,000 years, scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions, they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been on a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.

Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter.

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple. – catholicsteward.com

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The pain and sorrow of the abortion experience need not endure a lifetime. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support and assistance from those who have been there and understand. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who can help. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

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