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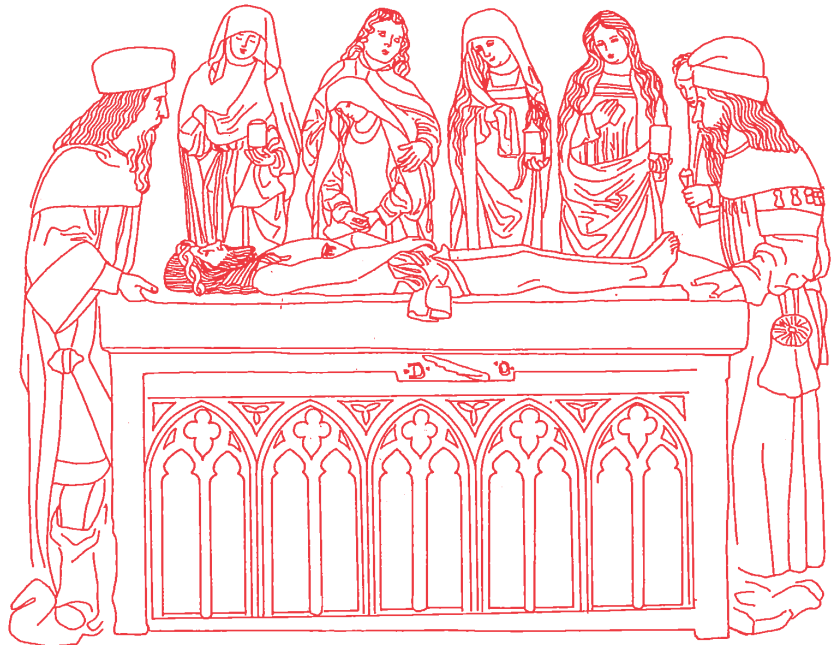
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*Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. John Barbour



Entombment, stone, Bayon church 1515

## *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?*

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## **Mass Schedule**

### ***Weekend Mass Schedule***

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

### ***Holy Day Mass Schedule***

TBA in bulletin

### ***Weekday Mass Schedule***

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

### ***Confessions***

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

### ***Bulletin Submission Deadline***

**Monday Noon** | [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org)



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 2 – PALM SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Tatla Dager (RIP) by Chuck & Terri Cera

### Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Karen Dangler (RIP) by Dale & Linda Panko

### Tuesday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Allen Wolfe (RIP) by Sue Wolfe

### Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. All Members of St. Edward Parish  
by Mark & Paula Coleman

### Thursday, April 6 – HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. In Gratitude for Msgr. Enke's Priesthood &  
Shepherding Care by Robin Van Order

### Friday, April 7 – PASSION OF THE LORD

12:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

### Saturday, April 8 – HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Vigil – Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Edward Parish

### Sunday, April 9 – EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

11:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 2, 2023 – YEAR A

### PRELUDE (5:00 & 8:15)

Hosanna to the Son of David (chant/organ)

### 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 (#141)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 22: My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me? (p. 89)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of  
endless glory! (p. 90)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: O Sacred Head, Surrounded (#151,  
A verses)

SANCTUS (#859), MYSTERY OF FAITH, AMEN, AGNUS DEI  
(#863): chanted

COMMUNION: Eat This Bread (#325)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 Choir): At the Cross Her Station Keeping  
(STABAT MATER)

### CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Were You There? (#150)

### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kevin Skinner

8:15 a.m.: TBD

10:45 a.m.: Chelsea Zigan



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ Hosanna to the Son of David! Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Looking ahead musically to the rest of Holy Week, the Choir will sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday. The Bell Choir and trumpeter Jeffrey Korak will play for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday. May God bless us and the Church around the world as we recall Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection.

Paul Radkowski, Music Director,  
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## USHERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

Please see Ginny Prusaczyk or call her at 740-973-4989. Also, you can sign up in the Gathering Space. Thank you.



## Welcome Sunday IS TODAY AFTER MASSES!

The Knights of Columbus and the Welcome Committee invite all parishioners and visitors to the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses to enjoy donuts, coffee and juice. Please take time to stop by to visit with fellow parishioners, welcome new members and make a new friend! Thanks to our generous sponsors, all of your donations will go to support our seminarians and promote vocations. Special Thanks to April's sponsor, Downey Carpet Care. If you would like to sponsor a Donut Sunday, please contact Joe Coffey at [coffeybreak@yahoo.com](mailto:coffeybreak@yahoo.com).

## PLEASE RETURN LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowl donations support international and local hunger programs. Please return your Rice Bowl to the box located in the Gathering Space or donate online. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a parish Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children ages 8 and under are invited. The Egg Hunt will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Parish Hall.



*"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."*

*Psalm 122:1*

**WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today!** To our visitors, 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. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

## I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_



## WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

*This Lenten Season, we hope you will return to be a part of the parish! We're waiting for you. You are missed. You are always welcome – no matter what.*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers:* Lisa Cannon, Dave Conway; *Lector:* Karen Kolbe; *Altar Servers:* Claire Skinner, Carter Skinner  
**Palm Sunday, April 2, 8:15 a.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers:* Stephanie Dodd, Jane Dougan; *Lector:* Sarah Rundell; *Altar Servers:* Tori Helgerman, Paul McDonald  
**Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:45 a.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers:* Lisa Barrett, Julie Smith; *Lector:* Rose Ann Stevenson; *Altar Servers:* Leah Moberg, Anna Beth Zigan  
**April 6, Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers:* NOT FILLED

**April 7, Good Friday, 12:30 p.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors:* NOT FILLED; *Altar Servers:* Carter Skinner, Claire Skinner, NOT FILLED  
**Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers:* NOT FILLED  
**Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.** – *Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers:* NOT FILLED



*Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.*

## *This Week at St. Edward*

### **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**Mass – 8:15 a.m.**

**Mass – 10:45 a.m.**

**Second Collection – SVDP**

**Welcome Sunday** – after Masses

**NO PSR**

**NO Adult Faith Discussion**

**Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft**



### **MONDAY, APRIL 3**

**Mass – 9:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Adoration after Mass**

**NO Preschool**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

**Mass – 9:00 a.m.**

**NO Preschool**

**Confession – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

**Mass – 9:00 a.m.**

**NO Preschool**

**NO PSR**

### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

**NO 9:00 a.m. Mass**

**NO Preschool**

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

**Choir – 6:15 p.m. warm up**

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

**NO 9:00 a.m. Mass**

**NO Preschool**

**Good Friday Service – 12:30 p.m.**

**Choir – 12:00 p.m. warm up**

**Holy Land Collection**

**Office Closed**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**NO 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.**

**Choir – 7:15 p.m. warm up**

**NO Saturday Men's Fellowship**

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**Mass – 7:30 a.m.**

**Mass – 9:00 a.m.**

**Mass – 11:00 a.m.**

**Choir Brunch – 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall**

**Easter Egg Hunt – 12:30 p.m.**

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



"It's not the end; it's only the intermission." The above is taken from Fr. Tim Hickey's reflection in Magnificat's Lenten Companion for Palm Sunday. The rest follows: On Palm Sunday, however, we're there too. We can't get out of it. We read the Passion of the Lord as if we are actors in a play. We shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" with the angry mob. We throw our allegiance behind the rebel dissenter Barabbas instead of the Prince of Peace. Three times we goad Peter the Rock, and he runs away in denial instead of affirming Jesus as the Son of God like the Roman soldier does. We taunt the Lord to come down from the cross instead of realizing that He's there solely for us and for our sins. And like in any play, the curtain does indeed come down. But it's not the end; it's only the intermission.

**1. Holy Week** – As we enter Holy Week on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, I ask you to consider His words, remembering that from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we are given the First Act of the drama of the Lord's Passion, and following that intermission, we will be given the Final Act – the Lord's Resurrection. I ask you to follow that drama in the week ahead by joining us at church with the liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. Join us then, during the intermission, and for Act II, the Feast of Easter. God bless you and yours during the "holy" days ahead.

**2. Fish Fries** – I want to salute Jim and Kathi Jackson, our Knights of Columbus and all their many helpers, too numerous to mention, for their wonderful work with our Fish Fries. Job well done, everyone!

**3. Confessions** – Additional Confessions will be **Tuesday, April 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

## Save the Date!

*Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Women's Candlelight Retreat*



The Women of Saint Edward and Walking With Purpose are planning an amazing evening of faith formation for women of our parish. Do you have God's blessing of the spirit of **Hospitality** and **Friendship**? If so, would you consider hosting a table of six to eight women at the event? Consider inviting your family, friends or co-workers? Contact Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736, Janice Schroeder at 419-265-0266, Monica Addis at 740-927-3913 or Noelle Gremling at 614-323-8335 to learn more about this exciting evening!

## WELCOME, NEWLY CONFIRMED ADULTS!

Please welcome into full Communion with the Church, Sandy Tilson and Dave Addis. Both will be confirmed and receive their first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, April 8. A Meet and Greet reception will be held after the Easter Vigil Mass. All are invited to stop by and congratulate Sandy and Dave on their entry into the Church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



## Schedule Mass Intentions

There now are a very few weekends still open for Mass Intentions.

- There are various openings for weekday Mass Intentions beginning in April.
- If you request a Mass Intention for a certain day, but that day has been previously scheduled, your intention can be scheduled on another day.
- **Please contact Maggie at the church office at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org) to schedule a Mass Intention** for a deceased or living loved one, or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.
- To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.



### WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of parishioner David Gaul, beloved husband of parishioner Patty Gaul. May he rest in peace in the eternal presence of God.

## SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

*"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

### MARCH 26

Offertory	\$ 6,372.25
Online	\$ 579.00

If you would like to have your **Contribution Statement**, or if you no longer need envelopes, please contact the office at 740-587-3254. Please consider ONLINE GIVING.

Sign up on the St. Edward website home page at [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org). If already giving online, please update any changes to your credit card on your online account. For help, contact the Parish Office.

### April Diocesan Second Collections

**April 2 – SVDP**

**April 7 – Holy Land Collection**

**April 23 - Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe**



## Holy Week

### SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER

**Palm Sunday, April 1 and 2**

Mass on Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**At 10:45 a.m. Mass ~ Procession outside**

If weather is bad, gather in Gathering Space

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

Mass at 7:00 p.m. – No 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Good Friday, April 7**

Mass at 12:30 p.m. – No 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Holy Saturday, April 8**

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. – No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Gather outdoors for fire, then to Gathering Space for Exsultet

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## The Corporal Works of Mercy

*"Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed."*

From Isaiah 58:7-10

**The Women of St. Edward suggest we focus on a Corporal Work of Mercy each week and give it our attention.** St. Faustina said, "When we offer mercy to others, we become Christ's hands and feet in the world; in responding to His command to love our neighbor as we love Him, we find the Gospel peace He wants to give us."

**The Corporal Works of Mercy**, found in Matthew 25:34-36, give us a model for how we should treat others, as if they were Christ in disguise. From the **Catechism of the Catholic Church – 2447**: The works of mercy are the charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, are **Spiritual Works of Mercy**, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The **Corporal Works of Mercy** consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: *He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warm and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?*

### Week of April 2 ~ Bury the Dead



BURY THE DEAD

Burying the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy, although the practice isn't strictly about burying a dead person. It also encompasses praying for the dead, including attending their funerals and visiting their graves. The corporal works come from Jesus' story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25. Jesus' list does not mention burying the dead; however, since biblical times, Christians have been called to carry out six acts of mercy, listed in St. Matthew's Gospel – giving food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and visiting the prisoners – with a seventh one, burying the dead, added in medieval times."

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### What You Can Do

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times, we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

- Become a member of a St. Edward Funeral Luncheon Team. **Contact Maggie Barno at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org).**
- Attend funerals of parishioners and friends.
- Comfort the grieving. Take food or send sympathy cards to those who have lost a loved one.
- Offer Mass Intentions for the dead. **Contact Maggie Barno at [maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org).**
- Pray the Rosary for the souls in purgatory.
- Volunteer with a hospice program.
- Visit the cemetery and pray for the dead.
- Pray for the lives lost to abortion ~ participate in Spiritual Adoption. **Contact John Koenig at [koenigj@alink.com](mailto:koenigj@alink.com).**



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Open Us, Lord

God of salvation,  
you sent your beloved Son to dwell among us  
and show us the way, the truth, and the life.  
His humble obedience in pouring out his love  
for us on the cross  
unlocked the path to eternal life with you.  
Give us the strength to follow Jesus  
through Holy Week

to share in his passion and glory.  
Open our hearts to receive his gift of saving  
love anew  
so that we might in turn share it with  
all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

## Actions Speak Louder Than Words



*Today's readings: Procession: Matthew 21:1–11. Mass: Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philemon 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66.* Today marks a major turning point in the liturgical year, and the way the liturgy is celebrated signals the transition. The assembly processes and waves palm branches just as did the crowds that gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. In the Liturgy of the Word, we participate in the proclamation of the Gospel account that follows that day, detailing the arrest, trial, conviction, torture, crucifixion, and death on the cross. It is heart-wrenching and mystifying.

In looking back at the last three Sundays of Lent, we recall that Jesus reveals his full identity to the woman from Samaria, the man blind from birth, and Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. On trial, however, he is mute before Pilate. His humility and obedience to God reveal his divinity.

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to walk alongside our Lord from the cross to the garden. This week is sacred. Approach it like a week-long retreat. Make arrangements to fully participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and to prayerfully accompany our Lord through it all.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 3 Faithful Friends

Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with perfumed oil and dries them with her hair. This tender gesture took place at a banquet held in Jesus' honor for restoring her brother Lazarus to life. We can look to Jesus and his authentic friendship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, to emulate in our relationships. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

### Tuesday, April 4 Wear the Armor of Faith

Both the prophet Isaiah and the psalmist recall the hand of God in our lives from the moment we are created in our mother's womb. The Gospel passage highlights our tendency to forget our origins in God and turn away in betrayal. Reflect on how your Lenten practices have helped you form habits that have strengthened your armor of fidelity. *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, April 5 Spy Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week is referred to as “spy Wednesday” because the Gospel reading from Matthew reveals that Judas will betray Jesus. Look for an opportunity to upturn the ignominy of this day. Invite someone to attend Mass with you on Easter. Share your faith in Jesus with someone who doubts. Send an Easter card promising prayer to someone who needs spiritual support. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

### Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday

The season of Lent ends as the sun sets today and the Sacred Paschal Triduum commences. Jesus, fully aware that “he had

come from God and was returning to God,” chooses the intimate gesture of washing his disciples' feet (John 13:5). He draws as close as possible to those he loves. As he did for his disciples, he does for us tonight at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. *Today's readings: 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 7 Bend on Knee

In union with Christians around the world, the faithful assemble on Good Friday to recall the final hours of Jesus' life—when he is condemned to die, beaten, forced to carry his cross, and publicly crucified. Approaching the cross, the faithful offer a gesture of veneration. We touch, kiss, bow, or genuflect to the instrument of our salvation. God steadfastly invites us to draw close. Today we do that on bended knee. *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, April 8 Keep Vigil

We continue our journey through the Sacred Paschal Triduum after sundown at the Easter Vigil. Through Scripture readings, psalms and prayers, we deliberately recount the entire plan of salvation from God's handiwork in creation to Jesus' overcoming the power of death in resurrection. Listen carefully to the story unfold. It is a magnificent synthesis not to be missed. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a; 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 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; 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; Matthew 28:1–10.*



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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

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*The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

***"By nothing else except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ has death been brought low: The sin of our first parent destroyed, hell plundered, resurrection bestowed, the power given us to despise the things of this world, even death itself, the road back to the former blessedness made smooth, the gates of paradise opened, our nature seated at the right hand of God and we made children and heirs of God. By the cross all these things have been set aright."*** +SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

### **April 3 ~ Monday of Holy Week**

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

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

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

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

### **April 4 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38** Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, at a



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

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

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

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

### **April 5 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**

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

**Meditation:** Origen, a 3rd century bible scholar and Father of the Church, comments on Judas' betrayal: "Let us consider what Judas said to the Jewish priests: What will you give me if I hand him over to you? He was willing to take money in exchange for handing over the Word of God. They do the same thing who accept sensual or worldly goods in exchange for handing over and casting out from their souls the Savior and Word of truth who came to dwell with them. Indeed, it would be fitting to apply Judas's example to all who show contempt for the Word of God and betray him, as it were, by committing sin for the sake of money or for any selfish motive. People who behave in this way appear openly to be calling out to the powers of the enemy who offer worldly gain in return for the sin of betraying God's Word, saying, What will you give me if I hand him over to you? And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. The number of coins

they gave Judas was equivalent to the number of years the Savior had sojourned in this world. For at the age of thirty, he was baptized and began to preach the gospel, like Joseph was thirty years old when he began to gather grain for his brothers (Genesis 41:46). Just as at that time the grain was prepared by God for the sons of Israel but given also to the Egyptians, so also the gospel was prepared for the saints but preached also to the unfaithful and wicked." [Commentary on Matthew 78.]

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

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

### **April 6 ~ 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, 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?

### **April 7 ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

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

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

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

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

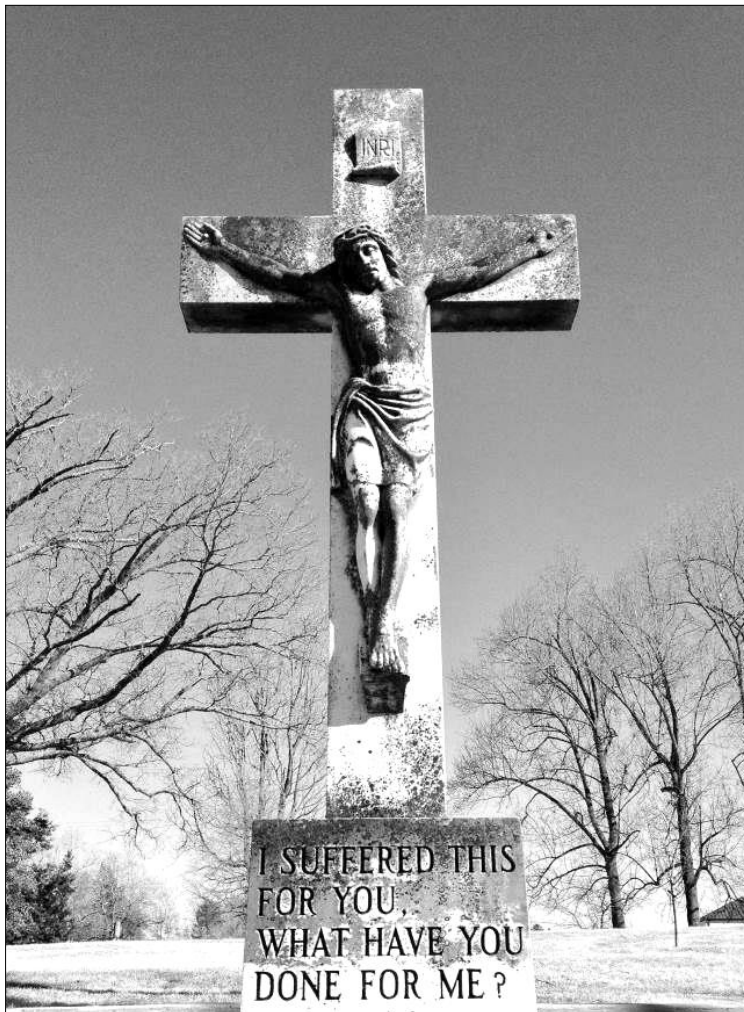
After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."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

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

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

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

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



I include this powerful image every year. Look at the vivid image of the crucifix to the left, 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 at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky – [www.monks.org](http://www.monks.org) .)

**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.

**Contemplation:** As Saint Andrew of Crete once wrote: "The cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world." The Cross of Christ is the safeguard of our faith, the assurance of our hope, and the throne of love. It is also the sign of God's love and mercy and the proof of forgiveness. By his cross Jesus Christ has pardoned us and set us free from the tyranny of sin. He paid the price for us when he made atonement for our sins. The way to peace, joy, and righteousness in the kingdom of God and the way to victory over sin and corruption, fear and defeat, despair and death is through the cross of Jesus Christ.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

We ask for the continued prayers of the parish for our Confirmation class as they "cast into the depth" (ref. Luke 5:4; St. John Paul II) of the Graces and Gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received in Confirmation (CCC 1854).

Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed at St. Edward Church on March 29, 2023, by Bishop Earl K. Fernandes:

Elizabeth Clarke  
AvaLauryn Dobbins  
Rebecca Dunbar  
Teddy Fellrath  
Abby Green  
Audrey Griffith  
Cecilia Hannig  
Addison Higginbotham  
Jacob Kirian  
Berkeley Long  
Dean Long  
Jude Long  
Margaret McDonald  
Molly Montgomery  
Oliver Nelson  
Collin Oncken  
Oliver Rodgers  
Benjamin Rose  
Aiden Smith  
Elliott Smith  
Kirsten Szczyt  
Kaylee Wenning  
Seth Winterhalter  
Matthew Wolfe  
Alexander Zarins



**The Food Pantry needs this week** are canned fruit and laundry detergent. Please put donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish Office. Thank you for your continuous donations!



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For Catholics to Return to Church

Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ

Msgr. Enke, Fr. Hayes, & All Priests

Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest

RCIA Candidates

PSR and Children's Liturgy Teachers

Confirmation Class & Youth Programs

All Sick & Homebound Parishioners

~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~

Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers.

### ST. EDWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

St. Edward Church has two \$1,500.00 scholarships, the **FATHER LOWERY SCHOLARSHIP** and the **BERNICE AND JOE CIRICOSTA SCHOLARSHIP**, available to any St. Edward parishioner who is actively pursuing a post-secondary program.

To apply, click on the Scholarship link at [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

Former applicants who have not been recipients of the awards may reapply. Any attachments to the applications, such as letters of recommendation, should be emailed to [church@saintedwards.org](mailto:church@saintedwards.org). Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted on or before noon, May 19th, 2023.



### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION HAS BEGUN

**You are invited to register at the table in the Gathering Space to receive monthly updates on your adopted baby's progress.**

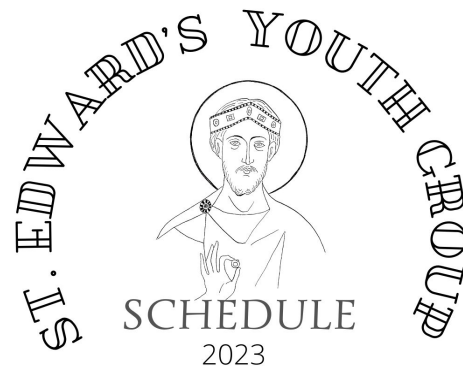
Innocent babies are being killed in our land. The Ohio Department of Health reports that 20,716 Ohio babies were aborted in the year 2021. This injustice is on the scale of the Holocaust. It is one of the "sins that cry to heaven" (CCC 1867).

Even though we may not be directly involved in this practice, we might be culpable through our indifference (CCC 1868-9).

By spiritually adopting a baby in danger of abortion, our prayers for God's grace can make a difference between whether a baby is born or aborted.

To spiritually adopt a baby, simply say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)



7th -12th Grade

### APRIL & MAY

#### 04/2 HOMELESS OUTREACH

3-6PM

- Meet at St. Edward's at 3:00
- Prepare Food
- Meet in Downtown Newark 5:00
- Distributing Food, Water, Clothing

#### 05/07 HOMELESS OUTREACH

3-6 PM

- Meet at St. Edward's at 3:00
- Prepare Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Meet in Downtown Newark 5:00
- Distributing Food, Water, Clothing

#### 04/09 NO YOUTH GROUP

#### 04/16 MEN'S HAVEN

- Prepare food for the homeless (3:00-4:45 pm)
- Meet at Men's Haven to serve food (5:00)
- Eat with residents

#### 04/23 MOVIE NIGHT

6-8PM

- Movie: "Silence"
- Popcorn and snacks

#### YOUTH GROUP

- Why does Prayer Matter?
- How To Pray
- Dinner: Jimmy Johns

#### 05/14 Cookout/Last Youth Group Meeting

6-9PM

- Hot Dogs, Burgers, and Snacks
- Games, and Payers
- Family and Friends are Welcome

#### 05/21 No Youth Group

#### 02/26 No Youth Group



## PSR

**Congratulations to our newly confirmed Confirmation Class!**

**No PSR during Spring Break, until April 16.**

**Jesus Day for those preparing for First Communion  
is Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**7th Grade "Mini-Retreat" with parents is Sunday, April 23  
from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Our First Communion is Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

~ Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director

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**APRIL 2, 2023 –**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11;**

**MT 26:14-27:66 or MT 27:11-54**

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request – he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea – he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb." Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

-C. S. Lewis



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## Know Your Saints

*St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest.* Feast Day, April 5 ~ Born 1350. The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. He entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. A brilliant student, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna – who would figure tragically in his life. Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination. The Western schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid, though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope. In the service of Cardinal de Luna, Vincent worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII. Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do, despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all the cardinals. Disillusioned, Vincent took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ." He felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy. Vincent tried unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.

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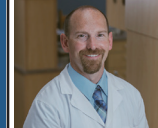
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