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PALM SUNDAY



“**HOSANNA** to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
HOSANNA in the highest.”



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Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.
*Holiday schedules TBA

Confessions

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

Adoration

Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, March 29 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:15 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10:45 a.m. For James Bradley (RIP) by Nancy Bradley & Family

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. For Kenny Singer by Skip & Sandy McCord

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. For Jackie Long (RIP) by Anthony & Nancy Grilli

Thursday, April 2 | Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

7:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, April 3 | Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Second Collection for The Holy Land

12:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 | Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. For the O.C.I.A. Class

Sunday, April 5 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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

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



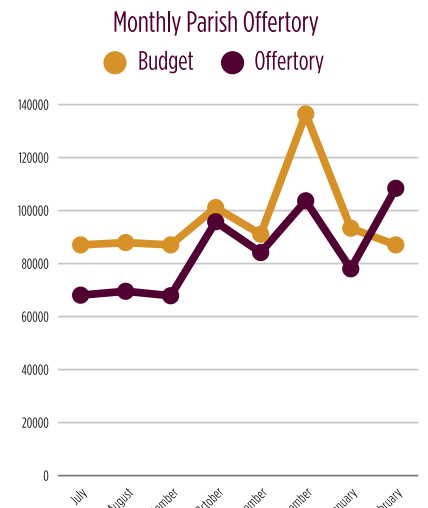
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February	\$108,409	\$87,056	(\$21,353)	\$0
YTD	\$675,744	\$771,155	(\$95,411)	\$170,720

*Offertory does not include Unanticipated Gifts.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits that prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Sunday | 3.29

Palm Sunday

8:15 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
in the Choir Loft
10:45 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
4:30 p.m. – Mass at
Denison University

Monday | 3.30

No Preschool – Spring Break

6:00 a.m. – Lenten Adoration
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
9:45 a.m. – WOSE Board Meeting
in the Lounge

Tuesday | 3.31

No Preschool – Spring Break

9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal
in the Choir Loft

Wednesday | 4.1

No Preschool – Spring Break

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship
Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
6:00 p.m. – Strategic Plan Steering
Committee Meeting
in Enke Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. – Men’s Rosary Prayer
Group in the Church

Thursday | 4.2

Holy Thursday

No Preschool – Spring Break

6:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
in the Choir Loft
7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass
7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus
Business Meeting
in Enke Parish Hall
8:00 p.m. – Adoration

Friday | 4.3

Good Friday

Second Collection for

The Holy Land
No Preschool – Spring Break
12:30 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

2:00 p.m. – Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. – Outdoor Stations
of the Cross

Saturday | 4.4

Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday | 4.5

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
8:40 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
in the Choir Loft
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
11:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)

WELCOME
to our community

Visitors, you are known and loved by our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray you find peace, hospitality, and friendship here. Children are always welcome! To join St. Edward Parish, stop by the church office or call 740-587-3254.

Low-gluten hosts are available. Please join one of the center Communion lines and inform the Eucharistic Minister.

Holy Week 2026
Journey With Our Lord

April 2:
Holy Thursday Mass | 7 pm
Adoration | 8 pm

April 3:
Good Friday Liturgy | 12:30 pm
Seven Last Words | 2 pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross | 3 pm

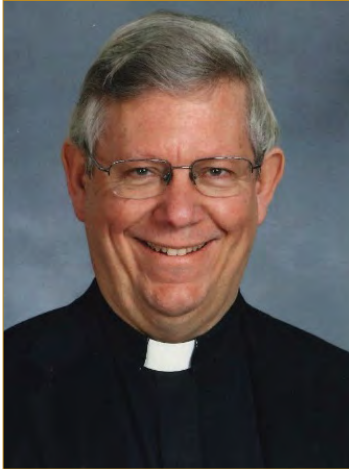
April 4:
Easter Vigil Mass | 9 pm

April 5:
Easter Sunday Mass | 7:30 am, 9 am, & 11 am
Easter Sunday Rosary | 10:35 am

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March 29, 2026

Dear Parishioners:

Holy Week has arrived! We have undergone a Lenten journey that has been full and intense. Let's do our best to bring it to a successful conclusion. Easter will be here next weekend, but we still have the experience of the "High Holy Days" of our Catholic Faith ahead of us. Please don't miss them!

Each day of Holy Week has something special about it. Be sure to "do" something each day and not to live it as something ordinary.

Today, Palm Sunday, we have our procession with palms at each of the Masses. This year, we also participate in an ecumenical observance with a common palm service with the churches of Granville. This is at 9:30 a.m. in front of the College Town House (next to the Granville Inn).

Monday: Parishes across the Diocese of Columbus have a "last chance" time for Confession in preparation for Easter. We are offering Confessions at St. Edward Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday: The Diocese of Columbus has a day of recollections for priests, and the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville at 3:30 p.m. All are invited.

Wednesday: This is known as "Spy Wednesday." It is associated with Judas' effort to spy out just how and when to betray the Lord. The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass is officially the last Mass of Lent at St. Edward Church – Try out a daily Mass to close out your Lent.

The Solemn Easter Triduum covers Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Each day, there are many special events. Bring your family to start the Easter Season in grand style:

Holy Thursday: The evening Mass of The Lord's Supper, with the washing of feet and a Eucharistic procession to the Altar of Repose. All children of the parish are invited to serve as an "honor guard" for the procession at the close of Mass.

Good Friday: The celebration of The Lord's Passion. A meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ takes place after the Passion. We are also having outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday: The Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 p.m. is the most powerful Liturgy of the Catholic Church. New members will be baptized, received into full communion, confirmed, and make their First Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday: Three Masses welcome lots of visitors. Now is your time to shine as a minister of welcome. Invite others to share the fullness of joy possible in our Catholic Faith.

The Easter Season follows, with a full 50 days of glory, right up to the Feast of Pentecost. Get ready to sing out Easter Joy!

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Notes from the Loft



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Procession & Entrance (p. 88-90):

Introit (Cantor/Choir): Hosanna to the Son of David (chant)

Procession (10:45 Choir):

Hosanna to the Son of David (Schutte)

Entrance: All Glory, Laud & Honor (#147)

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22: My God, my God... (p. 91)

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ... (p. 92)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#160)

Sanctus: chanted (#839)

Mem. Acc.: Save us, Savior of the world... (arr. Weber)

Amen: chanted

Agnus Dei: chanted (#843)

Communion: Eat This Bread (#323)

Communion 2 (Cantor/Choir): Vexilla Regis/

The Royal Banners Forward Go (metricized chant)

Concluding Rites

Sending Forth: Were You There? (#156)

Cantors

5:00 p.m.: Jim Bidigare

8:15 a.m.: Michael Whiting

10:45 a.m.: Randy Kerr

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 Triduum, 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 will ring for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday. Dave DeCarolis (Easter Vigil & 7:30 a.m.) and Jeffrey Korak (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.) will play trumpet for the Easter Masses. May God bless our parish, our diocese, and Christians around the world during these sacred days.

- Paul Radkowski, music@saintedwards.org, 740-587-3254



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent parish listening sessions. We are grateful for the time, honesty, and care so many of you shared as we begin discerning the future of St. Edward the Confessor Parish.

Those conversations were an important first step, and we would like to continue listening. This weekend, surveys and QR codes will be available to give all parishioners an opportunity to share their thoughts, experiences, and hopes.

Your voice matters. We encourage you to complete the survey in full so that your feedback can help guide the next steps for our parish as we grow in faith and community.



<https://forms.gle/qXVW6VcLqdq5dqdf6>

Walk With Our Lord This Holy Week

Live Holy Week more deeply by volunteering for a liturgical ministry.

We are currently in need of Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for all Holy Week Masses and Liturgies. **We have a special need for Altar Servers at our Easter Vigil Mass.**

To volunteer, sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Steven: youth@saintedwards.org.

Don't Miss Good Friday

As we get closer to Easter, the Knights of Columbus encourage parish families to attend the **Good Friday liturgy on April 3.**

Despite Good Friday's central nature to the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us.

To set an example for our community, several Knights of Columbus are attending the Good Friday liturgy with their families. Knights are also distributing a Christian Refuge Relief prayer card to parish families.

Celebrate Deacon Adrian!

Celebrate and support Deacon Adrian after Masses on May 9 and 10. He is graduating from The Pontifical College Josephinum on May 16 and preparing for ordination in Uganda this July. Contributions are being collected through the Parish to help provide a vehicle supporting safe travel among the parishes he will serve.



Grab Your Basket and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday, April 5 | After 11 am Mass



On the Front Lawn

(In case of rain, we will move to Enke Parish Hall)

Featuring a visit from the Easter Bunny

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Open House on
Sunday, April 12 after
10:45 a.m. Mass!

St. Edward Preschool

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school year!
Attend our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, April 12 after 10:45am
Mass to discover why it is such a special place.

St. Edward Preschool provides a loving early learning environment built on a strong foundation of Catholic faith, teachings, and values. Scan the QR code to register and pay the \$100 fee online or pick up a packet in the Preschool Office. Contact Adrienne Evans at 740-587-3275 or preschool@saintedwards.org with questions.





Thank You for Making This Lent Special

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten programs! From our Lenten Adorers and Catechism scholars to all who attended Soup Suppers, Stations of the Cross, and Fish Fries, your presence meant so much. We are especially grateful to all who made these events possible—whether you were a volunteer, a soup or dessert donor, a Fish Fry sponsor, or a guest, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for journeying through Lent with us!



PSR Fees Due For 2025-2026

Fees for 2025-2026 PSR classes are due. If you have outstanding fees, please scan the QR code to submit your payment online. The fee amounts are as follows: **\$110 for one student; \$195 for two students; \$225 for three or more students.** If you are unsure whether your fees have been submitted, please contact the PSR Office at 740.587.4160.

St. Vincent de Paul Donations – Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs additional donations of **cereal and cans or plastic jars of spaghetti sauce**. Please consider donating an item to care for our neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity!

NEW FOOD COLLECTION LOCATION: Items can now be brought to the Conference Room/Counting Room just across from Fr. Hayes' office. The same wooden container is located just behind the door.

Help Us Keep Our Parish Grounds Beautiful

Do you have a green thumb? Consider joining our landscaping ministry to help keep our parish looking lovely all year. For details, contact the Parish Office at 740.587.3254 or church@saintedwards.org.



Share Your Gifts with Women of St. Edward

Now that spring is officially here, the Women of St. Edward would like to announce the following open positions on their leadership team: **Secretary** – Records, edits, finalizes, and distributes minutes of all business meetings, handles WOSE correspondence, takes attendance at meetings, maintains a contact list of active members, and extends invitations to new women of the parish; **Bereavement Luncheon Ministry Chairperson** – Maintains the bereavement team lists and notifies team captains when a funeral lunch is scheduled; **Santa's Attic Co-chair for Publicity** – Assists with publicity for the fundraiser (a complete record of the previous year's publicity is available); **Christmas Bazaar Christmas Greenery Chairperson** – Arranges the sale of poinsettias and other Christmas greenery (a complete report of prior sales is available). **Women of the parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider filling these positions.** For details, contact President Annie Lach at annielach626@gmail.com or 502.541.1715.

Good Friday Collection for The Holy Land

The Pope has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in The Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in The Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. For more information about Christians in The Holy Land, visit myfranciscan.org or custodia.org.



Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes

You are invited to join the Diocese of Steubenville's Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola, and Lourdes, **September 10-20, 2026**. Highlights include the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, the Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the Chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St. Teresa of Avila, and more! The cost is \$5,346 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes round-trip airfare from Pittsburgh (other departure cities available). For details, visit www.QoHTours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

Easter Sunday Rosary

Celebrate the Risen Lord by gathering to pray the Rosary before the 11 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Prayer begins at 10:35 am.



Scholarships Available to St. Edward Parishioners

Two \$1,500 scholarships—the Father Lowery Scholarship and the Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship—are now open to parishioners who are actively pursuing a post-secondary program.

Scan to apply online. Applications are due by May 18.



You are invited to



Live Music on March 29th and 30th from 7-8pm

Behold the Lamb

Lenten Adoration at St Edward the Confessor

Mondays during Lent

Starting February 23rd

Before Mass beginning at 6am then After Mass ending at 10pm

For Info or To Sign Up – call/text Paul Gassman (740-354-8895) or Noelle (614-325-8335) or Jim (614-668-1419) Gremling

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Mt 17:7



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Parish Council Meeting Highlights | February 24, 2026

- Reviewed reports from various ministries
- Received an update on the Strategic Planning process
- Discussed ways to better support the preschool
- Shared ideas for next year's Soup Supper
- Discussed the need for new lead volunteers for ministries and strategies for recruiting them
- Confirmed that the Finance Committee will begin a fundraising subcommittee at its next meeting
- Confirmed that the parish will participate in the Great Granville Garage Sale this June

A Note from the Parish Council:

We are looking for new Parish Council Members! Please contact Lisa Ford, President (lford3616@aol.com), Jim Gremling, Vice President (jim.gremling@gmail.com), or Katie Perry, Secretary (katie.cianci@gmail.com), for details about serving on Parish Council, for complete meeting minutes, or with questions.

Ministry Schedule



April 2-5 | Holy Week

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday	Von Downing Margo Downing Bonnie Kinney Bernadette Lieberth Marian Skeen	Thomas Bressoud	Carter Skinner Claire Skinner Cooper Skinner
Friday, 12:30 p.m.	Leo Fox Suzanne Fox Bernadette Lieberth		
Friday, 12:30 p.m. Good Friday		Christopher Haight	NOT FILLED
Saturday, 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil	S.A. Beaver Lisa Cannon (sub req.) Adrienne Carter NOT FILLED	Thomas Bressoud Christopher Haight Bonnie Kinney	Arianna Carter Katelyn Shaw
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Easter Morning	John Casale Sue Casale Marian Skeen NOT FILLED Leo Fox	Selma Leshner	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Easter Morning	Suzanne Fox Sheila Heist Steve Heist Nancy Himmelspach NOT FILLED	Jim Bidigare	John Milligan Darren Shroyer NOT FILLED
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Easter Mass	Cindy Barbour Bill Hoekstra NOT FILLED	Mindy Skeldon	Kevin Bollo Anna Beth Zigan Evelynn Zigan

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

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Sunday, March 29 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

At the Procession with Palms - Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Monday, March 30

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 1

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2 | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Friday, April 3 | Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 4 |

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or Genesis 1:1, 26-31a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22

Second Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Third Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Responsorial Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Sixth Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 5 |

The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

Pope Leo XIV Intentions of the Month: March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

CATECHISM *corner*

CATECHISM CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Read paragraphs 535-559 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

CATECHISM QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

The Catechism teaches about the mysteries of Jesus' public life. What are these mysteries?

Look in next week's bulletin for the answer!

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What are the objects of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer?

The first three petitions are for God's glory: (1) the sanctification of His Name, (2) the coming of His Kingdom, and (3) the fulfillment of His Will. The last four present our wants, that: (4) our lives be nourished, (5) we be healed of sin, (6) we forgive others, and (7) we be victorious in the struggle of good over evil.

NO CATECHISM? NO PROBLEM!

Scan the QR code to read the *Catechism* online.



ST. EDWARD

YOUTH GROUP | 7-12 GRADE

SCHEDULE 2026

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MAR 29

NO YOUTH GROUP - SPRING BREAK

APR 5

NO YOUTH GROUP. HAPPY EASTER!

APR 12

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

6:00- 8:00 PM, YOUTH ROOM

APR 19

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

6:00- 8:00 PM, YOUTH ROOM

APR 26

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

6:00- 8:00 PM, YOUTH ROOM

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March 30 ~ 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 is inside the heart and soul. Judas was an embittered man and had a warped sense of what was precious and valuable, especially to God. Jesus had put Judas in charge of their common purse, no doubt because he was gifted in financial matters. The greatest temptation we can face will often come in the area of our greatest strength or gifting. Sadly, Judas used money entrusted to him for wrong and hurtful purposes. He allowed greed and personal gain to corrupt his heart and to warp his view of things. He was critical towards Mary because he imputed unworthy motives. Do you examine your heart correctly when you impute wrong or unworthy motives towards others? Does love of money taint or possibly destroy your love for Christ?

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

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

March 31 ~ 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 1 ~ 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 2 ~ 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 3 ~ Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says:

They divided my garments among them, / and for my vesture they cast lots.

This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

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

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

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

Not a bone of it will be broken.

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

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

according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

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

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

Stations of the Cross: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" (From Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori). Pray the Stations of the Cross today; on-line Stations are available at: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/stations-of-the-cross/>

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

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A Prayer in Honor of Christ's Passion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.