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# Saint Bernard Parish

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass  
10:00 a.m.\*

12:00 p.m. Spanish\*  
8:00 p.m.

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday)  
12:10 p.m.

\*Live-streamed online

See inside bulletin for schedule  
of Daily & Holy Day Masses.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESION

Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Every 1st Friday @ 11:00 a.m.  
And by Appointment  
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Call the Parish Office for the following  
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# Holy Week Schedule

## Saturday, April 9

8:15 am- Noon Women's Retreat (St. Mary)  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Confessions (St. Bernard)  
4:30 pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

## Palm Sunday, April 10

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary)  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Mass  
8:00 pm Mass  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Young Adult Night Out with  
The Bishop at St. Wendelin  
Church, 2281 Columbus Rd.  
Cleveland, Oh. 44113  
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm Retiro Espiritual.  
Facilitador: Dr. Antonio Medina  
Adoración, confesiones,  
Reflexiones del retiro Diocesano  
Snack.

## Monday, April 11

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Confessions (St. Bernard)  
12:10 pm Daily Mass

## Tuesday, April 12

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Confessions (St. Bernard)  
12:10 pm Daily Mass  
7:00 pm Stations of The Cross (St.  
Mary) and dinner from The  
Fabian Leon taco truck.

## Wednesday, April 13

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Confessions (St. Bernard)  
12:10 pm Daily Mass  
7:00 pm Tenebrae: Lenten Lessons  
And Carols (St. Mary)

## Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper (St. Bernard)

**NO DAILY MASS** St. Bernard will be open for prayer.

Adoration of the Lord in The Blessed Sacrament until  
11:00 pm at St. Bernard

## Good Friday, April 15 The Passion

12:00 pm Communion Service (St. Bernard)  
3:00 pm Stations of The Cross and  
Veneration of The Cross (St. Mary)  
6:00 pm Ecumenical Stations of The Cross in Spanish  
and English (St. Bernard)  
with immigrant and Border stories.

## Holy Saturday, April 16

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (St. Bernard)  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Confessions (St. Bernard)  
8:30 pm Easter Vigil in The Holy Night.

## Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary)  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Mass  
8:00 pm **NO MASS**



April/May, 2022

Ordinary Time/Lent



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# The Memorare

The bi-monthly newsletter of the Parishes of  
St. Bernard of Clairvaux and  
St. Mary of the Assumption – Akron, Ohio  
*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was  
it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left  
unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O  
virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you do we come, before  
you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother  
of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,  
but in your mercy, hear and answer us.  
(attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux)*

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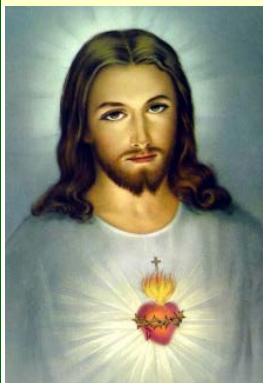
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## A Word from Father Chris



Once upon a time, I carried an image of Sacred Heart Jesus, similar to St. Faustina's Divine Mercy Icon, in my pocket. I looked into Jesus' eyes in the image as I wrote my entire freshman college composition final. Looking into Jesus' eyes has always helped me, in that image especially. Having finished early, I gave it to Nick who wasn't nearly finished. I was hoping for it back some day, but just got another one instead. Nick and I became friends and over the years have accompanied each other through many trying circumstances. We have had a friendship forged from the sharing of The Sacred Heart. We have had some divine moments of mercy in each other's lives too.

In this issue, please see more on the mercy of God in things old, things new, in St. Faustina's Diary and Writings and in the opportunities to pick up this devotion yourself.

At St. Bernard Parish, all that we say and do is literally organized by the 14 Works of Mercy. At St. Mary's, we are often sharing with each other opportunities for the works and then accomplishing them together. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> after Mass, our St. Mary committee continues its work of inviting many others to join us. On April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM, ALL are invited to the conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena via a Holy Hour at St. Bernard. As Linda Herrington explains below, the devotion pamphlet is on its way to a church entrance near you!

### THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

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| ■ Feed the hungry.           | ■ Shelter the homeless. |
| ■ Give drink to the thirsty. | ■ Visit the sick.       |
| ■ Give alms to the poor.     | ■ Bury the dead.        |
| ■ Visit the prisoners.       |                         |

### THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

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| ■ Admonishing the sinner.   | ■ Bear wrongs patiently.               |
| ■ Instructing the ignorant. | ■ Forgiving injuries.                  |
| ■ Counseling the doubtful.  | ■ Praying for the living and the dead. |
| ■ Comforting the sorrowful. |  |

Find these lists at [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org).

Mercy is the healing, strengthening, and forgiving of God. "When God acts mercifully toward His people, He is not acting in contradiction to what is due but gives beyond what is due. And, because "mercy is accounted as being proper to God," it is not beyond His power or outside His nature to exercise mercy but is rather a manifestation of His omnipotence. At times, we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives" (Pope Francis and St. Thomas Aquinas; onepeterfive.com). I hope and pray this Holy Week and Easter Time will be such a time for you too! Don't forget to check out last week's bulletin online and on the bulletin boards for the Holy Week Schedule, especially 12 Noon at St. Bernard and 3 PM at St. Mary on Good Friday.

*Father Chris*

Érase una vez... llevaba una imagen de la Divina Misericordia de Santa Faustina en mi bolsillo y miré a los ojos de Jesús mientras escribía mi composición final de primer año en la universidad. Mirar a los ojos de Jesús siempre me ha ayudado, especialmente en esa imagen. Como terminé pronto, se la di a Nick, que seguía trabajando. Esperaba me la devolviese, pero terminé recibiendo otra en su lugar. Nick y yo nos hicimos amigos y a lo largo de los años, nos hemos acompañado en muchas circunstancias difíciles. Forjamos una amistad al compartir la devoción de Santa Faustina a la Divina Misericordia y muchas veces hemos sido misericordiosos uno con el otro.

En esta edición, vean, por favor, más de la misericordia de Dios, en las cosas Viejas o nuevas, en el Diario y los Escritos de Santa Faustina y en las oportunidades para conocer o retomar esta devoción. En San Bernardo, todo lo que decimos y hacemos está literalmente organizado por las 14 obras de misericordia. En Santa María, a menudo compartimos oportunidades para los trabajos y luego los llevamos a cabo juntos.

El 3 de mayo después de la misa, nuestro comité de Santa María continuará su trabajo de invitar a otros a unirse a nosotros. El 24 de abril a las 3 p.m., TODOS están invitados a la de la Hora Santa de la conclusion de la Novena de la Divina Misericordia en San Bernardo. Como Linda Herrington explica a continuación, ¡el folleto de esta devoción está en el camino a la entrada de una iglesia, cerca de usted!



Misericordia es la curación, el fortalecimiento y el perdón de Dios.

“Cuando Dios actúa misericordiosamente con su pueblo, no está actuando en contradicción con lo debido, sino que da más allá de lo debido. Y, debido a que “la misericordia es contada como propia de Dios”, no está más allá de Su poder o fuera de Su naturaleza ejercer misericordia, sino que es más bien una manifestación de Su omnipotencia. A veces, estamos llamados a mirar atentamente a la misericordia para convertirnos en un signo más eficaz de la acción del Padre en nuestras vidas” (Papa Francisco y Santo Tomás de Aquino; onepeterfive.com).

¡Espero y rezo para que esta Semana Santa y el tiempo de Pascua también sean un momento así para ti! No olvides ver el boletín de la semana pasada por internet y los anuncios para el horario de Semana Santa, especialmente a las 12 p.m. en San Bernardo y a las 3 p.m. en Santa María el Viernes Santo. – Padre Chris


### Catholic Quote



*“And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God’s hands and leave it with Him.”*

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, OCD (Edith Stein) (1891-1942)**  
**Educator, Philosopher, Author, Convert from Judaism,**  
**Carmelite Sister, Martyr**

## Mass Intentions

St. Bernard			St. Mary		
Sun, 4/10	10 AM	+Rob Lucas	Sun, 4/10	9 AM	+Patricia Kindel
	12 PM	+Margarita Salazar	Tue, 4/12	8:45 AM	Stations of the Cross
	8 PM	People of St. Bernard & St. Mary	Fri, 4/15	3 PM	Passion and Communion Service
Mon, 4/11	12:10 PM	+John Ceracky	Sun, 4/17	9 AM	Piedad Cuapio Santa-Cruz & Anastasia Jiménez
Tue, 4/12	12:10 PM	+Marilyn Fischer & Joan Marie Scherer	 <b>Banns of Marriage</b>  II – Kevin Watts & Kaitlyn Carlier		
Wed, 4/13	12:10 PM	+Ken Namestnik			
Thu, 4/14	12:10 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>			
	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper			
Fri, 4/15	12:00 PM	Passion and Communion Service			
Sat, 4/16	8:30 PM	+Tom Wisniewski			
Sun, 4/17	10 AM	Kenh & Lien Pham			
	12 PM	Pro Populo			
	8 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>			

## Offertory Collection Totals – April 2 and 3

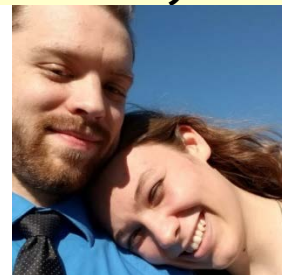
<b>St. Bernard: \$6,576.00</b>	<b>St. Mary: \$1,232.00</b>
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## Mass Readings

Sun, 4/10	Is 50:4-7	Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24	Phil 2:6-11	Lk 22:14-23; 56
Mon, 4/11	Is 42:1-7	Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14		Jn 12:1-11
Tue, 4/12	Is 49:1-6	Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17		Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed, 4/13	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34		Mt 26:14-25
Thu, 4/14	Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9	Ps 89:21-22, 25 & 27	Rv 1:5-8	Lk 4:16-21
Fri, 4/15	Is 52:13-53:12	Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25	Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9	Jn 18:1-19, 42
Sat, 4/16	See USCCB website			

## Meet the Newest Members of St. Mary Parish Council – by Lucy Antalek Van Dyke

Lucy Van Dyke has been an active member of St. Mary's along with the rest of the Antalek clan since her memory began. She has been involved with choir since the youth choir, and she does her best to welcome new members into the parish (whether they are ready or not!) She received most of her sacraments at St. Mary's, including her marriage to Josue Van Dyke this past December.



To clarify, Josue is pronounced Joshua; it's spelled the Hebrew way because his mother wanted to give him a built-in conversation starter. Josh was previously an active member of St. Vincent de Paul's in Elyria along with his family, where he was a parish council member as well as the go-to altar server for about fifteen years. In fact, the first time Josh and Lucy met in person, it was at the Corpus Christi procession Josh spear-headed for his parish. His changing circumstances lead him to settle at St. Mary's, and even join the choir at his wife's gentle demand.

Both Van Dykes can be found at St. Mary's every Sunday, where they visit various tables before the Parish Council assemblies. Outside of St. Mary's, Lucy teaches 10th grade English at Constellation High School in Parma and Josh works at finishing his Computer Science and Engineering degree. The Van Dykes are also part of a growing group of children, teens, and young adults who meet at Coffee Hour after 9 AM Mass, which may be setting the stage for the future St. Mary Parish! Lucy and Josh are looking forward to serving God and St. Mary Parish on Parish Council and bringing Jesus to everyone they meet!



## ***Knights of Columbus Religious of the Year – by Nat Clark, Deputy Grand Knight***



Knights of Columbus Council 547 wishes to honor a special representative of our parish community. We have chosen Brother Knight Fr. Paul Schindler, former Chaplain to our Council, as the recipient of our Religious of the Year Award for 2022. Though he is a diocesan priest and not a priest within a religious order, he shares a commitment to a celibate life, obedience to his superior (our bishop) and, unlike many diocesan priests, he is personally committed to poverty as a means of identifying with the poor. Like those in many religious orders, Fr. Schindler's ministry has assumed the exercise of a special charism, missionary ministry to the people of El Salvador.

Fr. Paul Schindler grew up in Parma where he attended Catholic schools (Parma St. Charles and St. Ignatius of Loyola High School) and attended St. Mary and Borromeo Seminaries. He was Ordained in 1967 and served his first five years at Wadsworth Sacred Heart. Fr. Paul said that regularly reading Mission Magazine as a child, "I grew up with a sense of mission." When Pope John XXIII asked the church of the United States to send clergy to the third world, Cleveland picked El Salvador as our special mission.

In 1972, the Cleveland Diocese needed more priests to help in El Salvador and asked Fr. Paul if he was interested. He followed the Lord's invitation without hesitation, and after a year of learning Spanish, he was named Pastor in La Libertad. He worked with several sisters during his pastorate, and in 1980 he was the one to identify the bodies of religious sisters Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, and laywoman Jean Donovan, who were ravaged and killed by members of the government's military.

He returned to the U.S. to serve as pastor of St. Bernard Parish from 1982 until 2008. His missionary zeal did not wane nor was he discouraged by the persecutions occurring in El Salvador. He used his vacations to return to El Salvador, providing relief for the other priests ministering there from our diocese. While serving as pastor at St. Bernard's, Fr. Paul welcomed and greatly nourished the growth of the Hispanic community. When he retired in 2008, he returned to El Salvador where he says he plans to minister for the rest of his life. He lives this life joyfully with the stated goal "to empower the people" is to help them understand that "the source of the power is always the Eucharist...that's where we get our strength from, and that's where we get our orientation from." He spends all his salary to economically empower El Salvadorans by paying full tuition for over 60 young people to attend college, "to discover and develop their talent" and then return to build up their community.

Fr. Paul returns to the Cleveland Diocese almost annually to visit friends and celebrate the Eucharist with us at St. Bernard. When he visits, we are witnessing a Diocesan Priest living out his vocation in a very religious manner, in celibate chastity, obedience to his bishop, and embracing poverty, that he might enrich those in El Salvador who he clearly loves with the love of Christ!

The Knights of Columbus of St. Bernard parish are grateful for Fr. Paul's witness to us of a life fully and joyfully lived in service of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church!

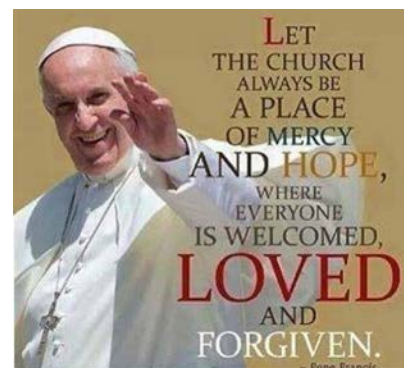
## ***Discouragement & Sadness – Hope & Joy! – by Rose Urdiales Baker, St. Bernard***

As we hear in the Gospel of Luke at the time of the Transfiguration, the Almighty Father tells us, "This is My Beloved Son; listen to Him."

In these days of the pandemic, many have found themselves challenged by feelings of discouragement and sadness, certainly not without cause. Many have lost loved ones. Many still suffer the effects of the disease. The threat of contagion continues. Our thoughts turn to lost opportunities, limitations of social activity, and a concern for the health of loved ones as well as ourselves. So little seems the same. The

limitations placed upon us by the charitable acts required to protect others and ourselves have burdened us, challenging our hope and joy.

How do we find hope and joy? We listen to our Lord. We find these beautiful virtues in the words of our Lord as He teaches us with the example of the mustard seed. He shows us that in this tiny bundle of life, while inert in appearance, the hope for life lies within. When planted and cultivated, a great tree emerges that brings joy to the birds of the air that nest there and nurture their young in its branches. To answer the question, how do we find hope and joy, we ask our Lord to place them into our heart and soul, which requires that we must open our hearts to receive these virtues as His gift, as the earth receives the mustard seed. As we make this fervent petition, we must then respond to His gifts of Hope and Joy with all our heart, in the lives we live.



### **Crusaders Corner – Grades 7 and 8**

It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of this school year! It is a very exciting time for Grades Seven and Eight!

The students entered the Summit County Holocaust Contest. The 2022 theme was *Lessons of the Holocaust: Undeniable Stories of Survival*. We are happy to report two winners! Our seventh grade visual arts winner, Elysha Jones, created a beautiful collage, titled "1941." Our eighth grade writing winner, Ali Hann, wrote an essay called *Truth*. Both are invited to the Holocaust Awards Ceremony which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, in the auditorium of the *Main Branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library*. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. Third generation Holocaust survivor and author of *Saving Six Million: A Holocaust Memoir*, Emma Kaufmann Rose, will speak during the Commemoration. The winning students will receive an autographed copy of Ms. Rose's book.



The art and writing works will be displayed at the Library as well, April 4th through May 2nd. Displays are free and open to the public. We invite everyone to stop by the library and view the winning entries. We are very proud of all the students who entered.

Spring also brings high school visits, Stations of the Cross, and field trips. The seventh grade enjoyed a day at St. Vincent-St. Mary High and Archbishop Hoban High School. Both classes presented a live version of the Stations of the Cross in the gymnasium. The students are eagerly awaiting their class trip to Washington, D.C. The trip is April 26-28, and memories will be made that will last a lifetime!

### **Then & Now: Our Divine Mercy Cenacle, Devotion and Novena Tradition – by Linda Herrington, St. Bernard**



Today, Palm Sunday, is the ideal time to obtain the special graces promised us by following the instructions given by the Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy is Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. His appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska have been verified and confirmed by bishops. Bishops certify such visions or proclaim them as not authentic.

Divine Mercy Himself said, "I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. The flames of mercy are burning Me--clamoring to be spent."

Those special graces are ours beginning now through Divine Mercy Sunday. How do we access them?

1. Beginning on Good Friday, pray the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. ***Pamphlets containing these prayers are available in English and Spanish. At St. Bernard the pamphlets are near the doors. At St. Mary you'll find them where the Sunday bulletin is located.***
2. The Church grants a plenary indulgence to persons who meet the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence. This is a priceless gift to us.
3. Participate in the Divine Mercy Sunday Service on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24**, at 3 PM at St. Bernard. This service will include the blessing of a new Image of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris. The new Image will hang in the vestibule at St. Bernard's.

Mercy is a special kind of love that aims to lessen the hurt or suffering of another. Divine Mercy teaches us to do this by our words, our actions, and our prayers.

We are blessed to be a parish group who carries on our mission seamlessly in two cultures and two languages.

You might know us as collecting socks for the needy and knitting hats and scarves for them. We have provided clothes for pregnant mothers and clothing and furniture items for their babies. We have given food in emergency situations and for people's daily needs. During the earliest days of the pandemic many members sewed many masks. We visit the hospitalized, the homebound, and the dying.

Precious in our memory are the days when our members stayed in the hospital with parents and their dying infant daughter. Apostles of Divine Mercy were there when the baby died. They embraced the crying, grieving parents. The parents chose to bury their daughter in a frilly pink nightie and wearing a tiny tiara given to them by a Friend of Mercy. Afterwards two Cenacle members drove many miles to be at the baby's funeral and provide the funeral meal.

Today amid the terror, sorrow, and suffering of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine we are receiving a flood of prayer requests petitioning Divine Mercy and His Merciful Mother. We welcome you to know about Divine Mercy and be active in our works.

***"Mankind Will Not Have Peace Until It Turns with Trust to God's Mercy."*** These fiery words were revealed to St. Faustina by the Divine Mercy – Our Lord Jesus Christ. He ordered her to tell all people of His Mercy. At the parish level, the Rays of Mercy Cenacle is entrusted with proclaiming this message. All are invited to attend Cenacle meetings. Please phone Manena at 330-762-1959 or Linda at 330-864-3840.

Each of us has a personal invitation to follow this road map given to us by Divine Mercy Himself as we accompany Him through His Passion. Let us receive these gifts from His open hands.

#### **Upcoming For the Rays of Mercy Cenacle**

1. Four Sunday afternoon meetings on dates to be announced. These include praying the Chaplet and studying topics drawn from St. Faustina's Diary.
2. A current deep study of the spirituality taught by Divine Mercy. These studies will continue and run about four hours weekly.
3. A heightened Membership Drive which will include children.

***Please pick up your red pamphlet called "Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet" (Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia) and begin praying the Novena on Good Friday. At St. Bernard the pamphlets in English and Spanish are located near the doors. At St. Mary the pamphlets are located where the Sunday bulletin is available. Be sure to pick up the pamphlet in the language of your choice. They both look identical!***



## ***Nine Nights of Night Prayer***

From March 17 through March 25, the Diocese sponsored Nine Nights of Night Prayer at nine different parishes over our eight-county Diocese. One of the host parishes was St. Mary, Akron! Those who turned out had the privilege of being part of daily, world-wide prayers that are prayed as a Church every day!



Night Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, which diocesan priests, religious order priests, sisters, and brothers, and lay tertiaries (Franciscans, Dominicans, Carmelites, Benedictines, etc.) all over the world pray every day as part of their vocational promises. Night Prayer is the last prayer time of a day of measured praying, starting with the Invitatory Psalm, the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, and Evening Prayer. There is a lot of comfort and satisfaction knowing we pray with others – clergy, religious, and lay people – who have an ongoing conversation with God

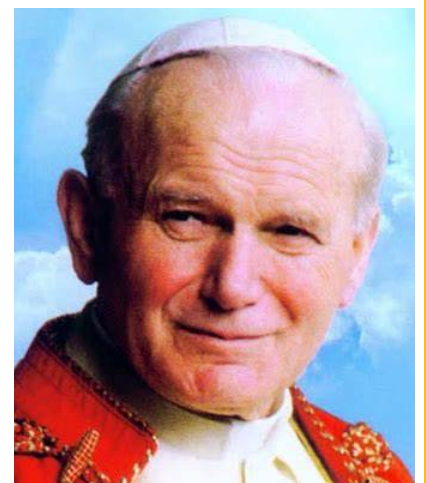
every day. **(Pictured: Flor Guzman and Lorena Vincentano)**

Father Chris, Bob Boszik, Trish Boszik, Phillip Mernagh, Lucy Van Dyke, Josh Van Dyke, Colleen Antalek, Fred Kramer, and others helped in leading the prayers with the group who attended. The last night of prayers, we gathered in St. Mary's cafeteria for custom ice cream produced by Country Parlour Ice Cream for those participating in Nine Nights of Night Prayer. This round's flavor was Gratia Plena, which is coconut with blue-coated chocolate candies (last round's was Stella Maris, blue ice cream with yellow candy stars.) Night Prayer fans may want to note that St. Matthew in Ellet will be the next host in the area when this is done again sometime over the summer (dates are TBA). Many thanks to Fr. Chris and Fr. Damian Ference the Vicar for Evangelization and all who made this happen!



***"Do not abandon yourself to despair.  
We are an Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song!"***

**St. John Paul II (1920-2005) – Feast Day October 22  
Pope, Teacher, Writer, Philosopher,  
Defender of the Church against Communism**





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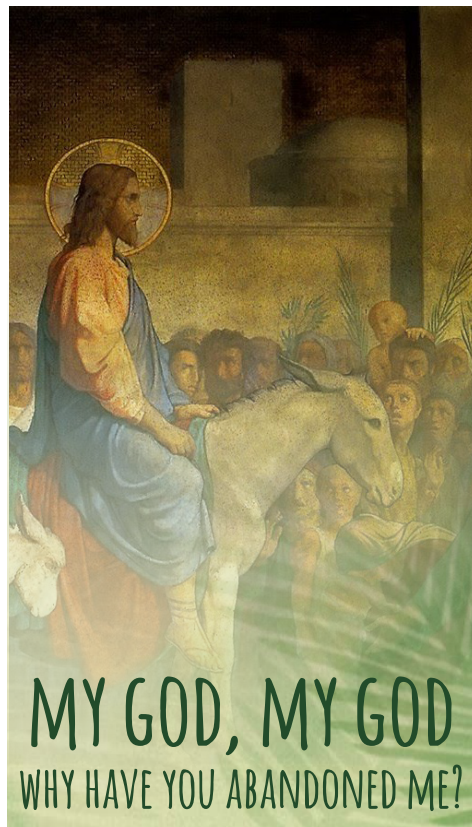
*Reflection on Luke 22:14–23:56*

Palm Sunday always invites us to enter the holiest week of the year by hearing the entire Passion story of Jesus, a story that we will hear and celebrate in its essential parts from Holy Thursday through Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We are invited to enter into the story ourselves, to allow the story of Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection to interpret our lives.

We are not viewing a movie – one more bathrobe, Bible-drama in Hollywood's cinematic library. We are hearing and telling our story: the Passion of Christ as it continues to be lived out today. We are not just remembering historical events, but committing ourselves to follow the same path as the Lord Jesus. For this path – the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of dying and rising – is the central reality of the life of every follower of Jesus.

We are all pilgrims on the same road, and our individual stories now merge with the story of Jesus this week as we walk with the same faith toward the same destination. And how good it is for us to be in community, for who, like Jesus, could walk this road alone?

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, April 10, 2022

*Palm Sunday*

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

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

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14–23:56

### Monday, April 11, 2022

*Holy Weekday*

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday, April 12, 2022

*Holy Weekday*

Is 49:1-6

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

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday, April 13, 2022

*Holy Weekday*

Is 50:4-9a

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

Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday, April 14, 2022

*Holy Thursday*

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday, April 15, 2022

*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

Is 52:13–53:12

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

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1–19:42

### Saturday, April 16, 2022

*Holy Saturday*

Gn 1:1–2:2

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Gn 22:1-18

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Ex 14:15–15:1

Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Is 54:5-14

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Is 55:1-11

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

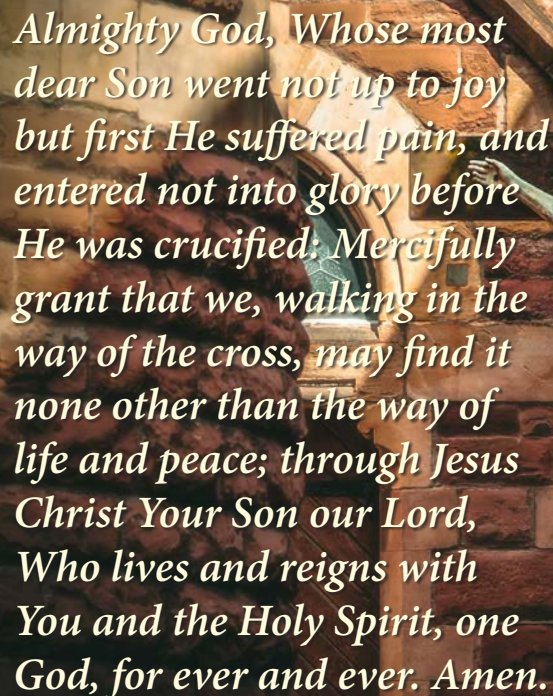
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Rom 6:3-11

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Lk 24:1-12

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*Almighty God, Whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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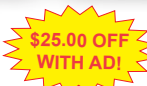


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