

**PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

APRIL 10, 2022

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 10th Palm Sunday the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

How well-trained is your tongue?

Have you "set your face" on doing what is right, even if not popular?

Philippians 2:6-11

Do you have a Christ like attitude of humility? Are you grasping for power?

Have you proclaimed that Jesus Christ is Lord by your actions this week?

Luke 22 & 23

Meditate on the Passion, imagining yourself as one of the crowd.

Meditate on the Passion, imagine the feelings of Christ.

WEEKDAY MASSES April 12 - 15

Tues: 5:00 pm NO MASS TODAY – FR. IS OUT OF TOWN

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Justin Kruk

Thurs: 7:00 pm +Dennis Lyons **HOLY THURSDAY MASS**

Fri: 3:00 pm **GOOD FRIDAY Service**

WEEKEND MASSES April 16 - 17

Sat: St. Edward's - Nekoma 5:00pm Mass will start again on April 23rd

8:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Vincent & Elizabeth Schaan

Reader: Volunteers Needed

EMHC: Volunteers Needed

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Lynda & Art Spanier & People of the Parishes

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Linda Kempel

Musicians: Bob & Choir

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Sally Stremick

Reader: Lisa Bodnar

EMHC: Diane Schill

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: LaVern & Margaret Chaput

Fr. Michael Hickin's cell phone: 701-891-1238

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

**Confessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or
by appointment**

Weekly Reflection for April 3, 2022: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$8,451.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,185.00
Plate	\$443.00
Children	\$31.00
Total	\$12,110.00

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Luke's account of the final hours of Jesus' life offers insight into how we can move beyond our failures and betrayals to new life. One poignant detail, found only in Luke, is that it is at the very moment that the cock crows, as Peter is denying knowing Jesus a third time, that the Lord turns and looks straight at Peter. Whatever Peter sees in Jesus' eyes, it makes Peter come to his senses. He weeps tears of remorse. He acknowledges the harm he has done. After the resurrection, Jesus helps Peter move on. At the lakeside he asks Peter three times if he loves him. And each time Peter affirms his love, the Lord entrusts him with a task: feed my sheep, care for my little ones. Actions speak louder than words. Peter will do as the Lord asks.

In another detail found only in Luke, we meet the good thief – traditionally known as Dismas. He owns his guilt and accepts responsibility for his actions, and so escapes the bitterness and anger of the other criminal hanging beside Jesus. Dismas clings to his hope for a future, for redemption: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." In so doing, he is able to embrace forgiveness and the promise of new life.

A final detail that Luke alone relates is that in the middle of the Last Supper, the disciples squabble about who is the greatest. It is as if they have learnt nothing from Jesus during the last three years. Jesus reminds them where true greatness lies: service. Self-giving love – a genuine conversion of heart, mind and behavior – is the antidote to the temptation of asserting ourselves at the expense of others. It is the antithesis of our very human tendency to inflict damage and hurt. Taken from The Living Word

Palm Sunday

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

LENTEN SERVICES WITH THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. Start at 7:00p.m. with fellowship and refreshments to follow.

April 13: Emmanuel Evangelical - Each choir in town will lead the congregation in song.

WEEK OF WEEKS - On Palm Sunday, the Church's Sacred Liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week. The Church throughout the whole world remembers the last week of Jesus' earthly life. The Lenten season of self-denial gives way to focusing on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is sorrowful and it victorious.

The Church began celebrating this Great Week in the 4th century. Our earliest accounts come from Egeria, a Christian woman who visited the Holy Land from 381-385. She wrote about Christian customs and observances in Egypt, Palestine, and Asia Minor. She described how pilgrims to Jerusalem reenacted the events of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday afternoon, the crowds waved palm fronds as they made a procession from the Mount of Olives into the city.

Pilgrims took the customs home with them. Holy week observances spread to Spain by the fifth century, to France and England by the early seventh century. Actually, they didn't spread to Rome until the twelfth century.

The purpose of Holy Week is to reenact and participate in the passion of Jesus Christ.

In the Diocese of Fargo, we celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tues. Priests from all over the Diocese gather with the Bishop at the Cathedral. They renew their sacred promises and take home the freshly blessed Holy Oils to be used throughout the year.

The epicenter of the whole Liturgical Year, the **EASTER TRIDUUM**, begins Thursday evening when we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and that spirit of Charity (washing of the feet) at the heart of what it means to be Christian.

On Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death, we venerate of the Cross. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to honor Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no Mass this day. Holy Communion is distributed from the night before.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for Our Savior. From the Cross, Jesus went down into the netherworld. He entered death itself. On this night, persons who have spent months of preparation are received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. We are honored to receive four new members this Easter.

These High Holy Days are an invite from our Father in Heaven to immerse ourselves in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. It is the Church's gift to us to help us rediscover through the Paschal Mystery that Christ Jesus is the meaning and purpose of our lives.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Easter Triduum Mass times are as follows: Holy Thursday – 7:30pm; Good Friday – 3:00pm and Holy Saturday – 8:30pm

There is a signup sheet for Readers & Lay Ministers at the back of the church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Masses.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that attended their Lenten Fish Fry's.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, April 10th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Catholic Daughters will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:45pm on Good Friday.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK... Katie Sauer stepped up and is willing to take the position as funeral circle chair. However, she would like to have a co-chair to help her out. If anyone is interested in that ministry, please contact Lisa Howatt at 256-3757.

No Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday, April 14. Have a blessed Easter Triduum!

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL funds more than 40 different ministries throughout the diocese. This appeal is an opportunity for each Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church. Please keep our appeal and all the people it helps in your prayers. Thank you.

MASS TIMES - Beginning April 24, there will be a single Sunday morning Mass at 9:30am. The Saturday evening Mass, as was done in the past, will move back to 7:30pm, with a 5:00pm at St. Edwards, Nekoma (lasting until Advent).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - The Pope Francis asks every parish in the world to support the Good Friday Collection. It helps Christians in the Holy Land: church ministers in parishes, Catholic schools, religious education, the preservation of the many sacred shrines.

Also, by contributing to the Good Friday collection, you a channel of peace in a land too often marked by strife, Jesus' homeland. Please join in solidarity with Catholics around the world in supporting the Church in the Holy Land. Thank you.

Lastly, please remember that **Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence**. That is, persons aged 18-59 eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - The Parish Council expressed the wish at our last meeting to have a place in the bulletin each week listing names of people we would like to keep in prayer. If you'd like the community to hold someone in prayer, please contact the Jackie at the Parish Office with the person's name, provided they agree to have their name put in the bulletin

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for April – 8th - Jenny Chaput, Barb Boesl & Stephanie Fetsch; 15th – Connie Balsdon & Bernadette Fetsch; 18th – Barb Hill & Kathy Skjervheim; 25th – Robyn Ramberg & Karla Gellner

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Spring Rummage Sale – April 26 – 30 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **Donation Drop Off:** Sunday April 24 & Monday, April 25 – 10:00am – 6:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (April 25, 26, 27 & 28) 10:00am – 6:00pm (Friday & Saturday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome!! Please note: Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders are a nonprofit group and all funds earned are kept locally to support cancer patients – we are very excited to be able to reach out to our community!!

Kindergarten registration is open. Kindergarten Round Up will be Tuesday, April 26 12:30-3:00pm. Please contact Carrie Hope for more information at 256-2354 or carrie.hope@k12.nd.us

COVID-19 vaccines can help stop more dangerous variants from emerging. Call 256-2402 to schedule your COVID vaccine.