

**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
American Martyrs**

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America Martyrs RC Church
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Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

Rectory: 718 + 464 + 4582
Religious Education 718 + 464 + 6411

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4pm
Sunday 9am + 11:30am

Monday - Friday at 8:30am
Saturday Prayer Service at 8:30am

Holy Days
7:30pm Vigil + 8:30am + 7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm
Or Call Rectory for Appointment

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9am -12noon and 1pm - 4pm
Friday - Saturday 9am - 12noon and 1pm - 3pm

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American Martyrs Mission Statement

We, the diverse Catholic family of American Martyrs, are spiritually centered in the Word and the Eucharist. Our warm, welcoming community creates an atmosphere for a wonderful faith experience as we gather at the table of the Lord to help each other grow in Christ and live according to His teachings. Inspired by the faith and an example of our patrons, the North Americans Martyrs, and the Blessed Mother, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we work together to spread the message of Jesus to all.

American Martyrs Celebrates the Sacraments

Penance

Every Saturday at 3pm—3:45pm (Also at anytime convenient upon request)

Baptisms

Parents must speak to Deacon Stan one month in advance before the scheduled date.

Sacrament of the Sick Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available for any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill or suffering the effects of advanced age. Please call the rectory to make an appointment for a priest to come to the home, or call anytime for a sudden illness. If serious surgery is scheduled, call to arrange for the anointing before you enter the hospital. A communal celebration of this sacrament is celebrated annually.

Pastoral Care to the Homebound

We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (718) 464-4582. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

Holy Matrimony

Call the Parish Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

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"The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth."



Pope John Paul II



Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity!

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of American Martyrs and the daily work of the Diocese of Brooklyn in ways no one parish can accomplish alone.

All donations over our goal will be returned to American Martyrs

Weekly Updates for April 7, 2025

**Goal: \$64,455
Pledged: \$36,780
Paid: \$25,082.27
Donors: 62 Families**

Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Msgr. John Keppler, Rosalinda Apostadero, Elizabeth Coppola, Jen Flynn Limberg, Denis Keane, James + Anne Kingston, Elsie & Frank Paukowits, Martin Thaila, Vijay Devassy, Anita Mascoli, John Buglione, John Sheridan Jr., Tom Holloran, Arlene Scherne, Vincent Sheridan, Jessie Carlone, Jackson Monchal, Gloria Saavedra, Jack Goydas, John Bennett, Michael G. McLoone, Dave Tavella, Gloria Valdez, Patrick Kearney, Tom Dana, Roberto + Raquel Barrientos, Kalyan Sham, Mike Tramonte, Dr. Renato Gega, Dr. Gilda Versales, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Robert Galazin, Stephen Feit, Richard San Severino, Jeremiah J. Doran, Vita Mazzola and Albert Tscherne

(THE SICK WILL STAY ON LIST FOR 3 WEEKS AND THEN BE REMOVED UNLESS THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PERSON TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR ANOTHER 3 WEEKS)

Mass Intentions Week of April 13, 2025

9am

Joe Zicari (Requested by AnnMarie Sanifer)

11:30am

Jack Bills (Requested by AnnMarie)

Stephanie Karasinski (Requested by her family)

John Brennan (Requested by Friends of American Martyrs)

Monday 8:30am

Felisa + Abdon Munoz (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto Frustaci)

Tuesday 8:30am

Rev. Ricardor Manuel Baracaldo (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto Frustaci)

Wednesday 8:30am

Elsa + Luis Baracaldo (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto Frustaci)

Holy Thursday 8:30am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 8:30am Morning Prayer

3pm The Lord's Passion

Saturday 8:30am Morning Prayer

(Requested by)

The Great Easter Vigil Saturday 8pm

The Faithful of American Martyrs



**There is an appointed time
for everything, and a time for every
affair under the heavens,
A time to live and a time to die...**

**The Gifts of Bread + Wine
In Thanksgiving for
Deacon Stan + Fr. Francis
Fr. Emmanuel + Msgr. Doran
Msgr. Noone + Fr. Peter**

(Requested by a friend)



**The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles
Steve Days' Health**

(Requested by Fr. Peter)



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN,
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG
TAO Sean Reiley—USN
Raymond Esquilin, CW4
Lisa Johnston,
WO 1 Crystal Robles
2nd Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF
SFC Sheldon Warren

AMERICA MARTYRS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- April 13, 2025

**"The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious."
Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment.
Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood,
diaconate or the consecrated life?**

**Contact the Vocation Office (718) 827-2454 or
email: vocations@diobrook.org**

This Could be you



Dear Parishioners of Holy Family and American Martyrs,

It is with great joy that I write to you as the newly appointed shared pastor of the partnership between Holy Family and American Martyrs, beginning July 1st. I am honored to begin this journey with you and excited for all that God has in store for us as we walk together in faith.



I recognize that this is a time of transition for our communities. With change often comes uncertainty, but it also brings new opportunities—to grow, to build, and to witness the presence of Christ in new and powerful ways. I am confident that, guided by the Holy Spirit and united in love, we can move forward together as *pilgrims of hope*—stronger together.

Allow me to share a little about myself for those I haven't yet had the pleasure to meet. I was born and raised in Maspeth, Queens, and on June 23rd, I will celebrate 13 years as a priest. I have truly cherished each of my priestly assignments:

- ◆ Parochial Vicar at Blessed Trinity (2012–2015)
- ◆ Chaplain to Xaverian High School (2013–2025)
- ◆ Director of the Vocation Office (2015–2021)
- ◆ Pastor of Holy Family (2019–present)

Bishop Brennan has renewed my assignment as Pastor of Holy Family as we take this next step together into a parish partnership.

Fr. Peter Rayder and I have known each other for many years and have previously ministered together in Breezy Point—he was my pastor from 2013 to 2015. We are both here to serve you.

My hope in the coming months is to get to know the parishioners of American Martyrs and to continue deepening the relationships I've built at Holy Family. I look forward to listening and learning about the beautiful traditions and unique spirit of both parishes. Together, we will honor the histories of our communities while embracing a shared future—rooted in our faith, our mission, and our love for Christ and one another.

Please pray for Fr. Peter and me, as we promise to pray for you. I look forward to meeting you—at Mass, in the parish offices, at events, or simply around town. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself, share your story, or let me know how I can support you on your faith journey.

Let us pray for one another, for our parish communities, and for the grace to be open to the ways God is working among us. May our partnership be a source of renewed energy, deeper faith, and greater unity.

United in Prayer,

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this **Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope**. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul." Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus" (**Pope Francis, Sunday homily, March 24, 2013**). May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy. Papal quotes Copyright (c) 2013, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.



My Side of the Altar

Dear Faithful and Not-So-Faithful People of God,

Our Lenten journey continues and Holy Week begins next week. How am I doing so far this Lenten Season? Steps in the right direction or still stuck in a hole? The following story provides a wonderful insight on the Lenten journey. Read and pass it on

The story is told of a farmer who owned a mule. The mule fell into the farmer's well. The water wasn't very deep, so the mule could stand on the bottom.

The farmer heard the mule braying—or whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together and told them what had happened and enlisted them to help haul dirt to help bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical, but as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back he should shake it off and step up.

This he did, blow after blow of the dirt hitting his back. "Shake it off and step up . . . shake it off and step up . . . shake it off and step up." The mule repeated this statement over and over to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows or how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and kept right on shaking it off and stepping up.

It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of the well. What seemed like it would bury him, actually helped him because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

That's life. If we face our problems and respond to them positively, refusing to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity, the adversities that come along to bury us usually have within them the very real potential to benefit us.

As people of faith, we know we do not walk alone. The Lord Jesus will always be our source of strength and peace. Life is filled with joy as well as sorrow. We are a people called to walk in the Light of the Lord Jesus who will always guide our lives. We may wonder why God sometimes writes with crooked and contrary lines in our lives. Life is fragile, so always handle it with prayer.

We may sometimes kick like an old mule and get angry with God, life or ourselves. Yet, the Lord Jesus is with us—even when we lock the Lord out of our hearts! We are richer today if we have laughed, given or forgiven and trusted that the Lord Jesus is with us in our times of joy as well as adversity. Remember, sorrow looks back, worry looks around and faith looks up!

Walking with you this Lent (detour your walk to American Martyrs During Holy Week)...

...Fr. Peter

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

April 6, 2025

Online \$2,513.00 In-Pew \$7,273.00 Total \$9,786.00
Poor Box: \$88.00 Votive Candles: \$153.00
Easter Flowers Collection: \$1,785.00



HOLY WEEK @ AMERICAN MARTYRS

Palm Sunday

4pm Vigil + 9am + 11:30am

Reconciliation Monday

9am-10:30am + 2pm to 8pm

Holy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

*7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11pm Night Prayer*

Good Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

*12 Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:30pm Divine Mercy + Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday

8:30am Morning Prayer

8pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7am + 9am + 11:30am



Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

Gospel at the Procession with Palms: *Luke 19:28-40*
Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*
Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 22:14—23:56* (shorter form: *Luke 23:1-49*)
From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

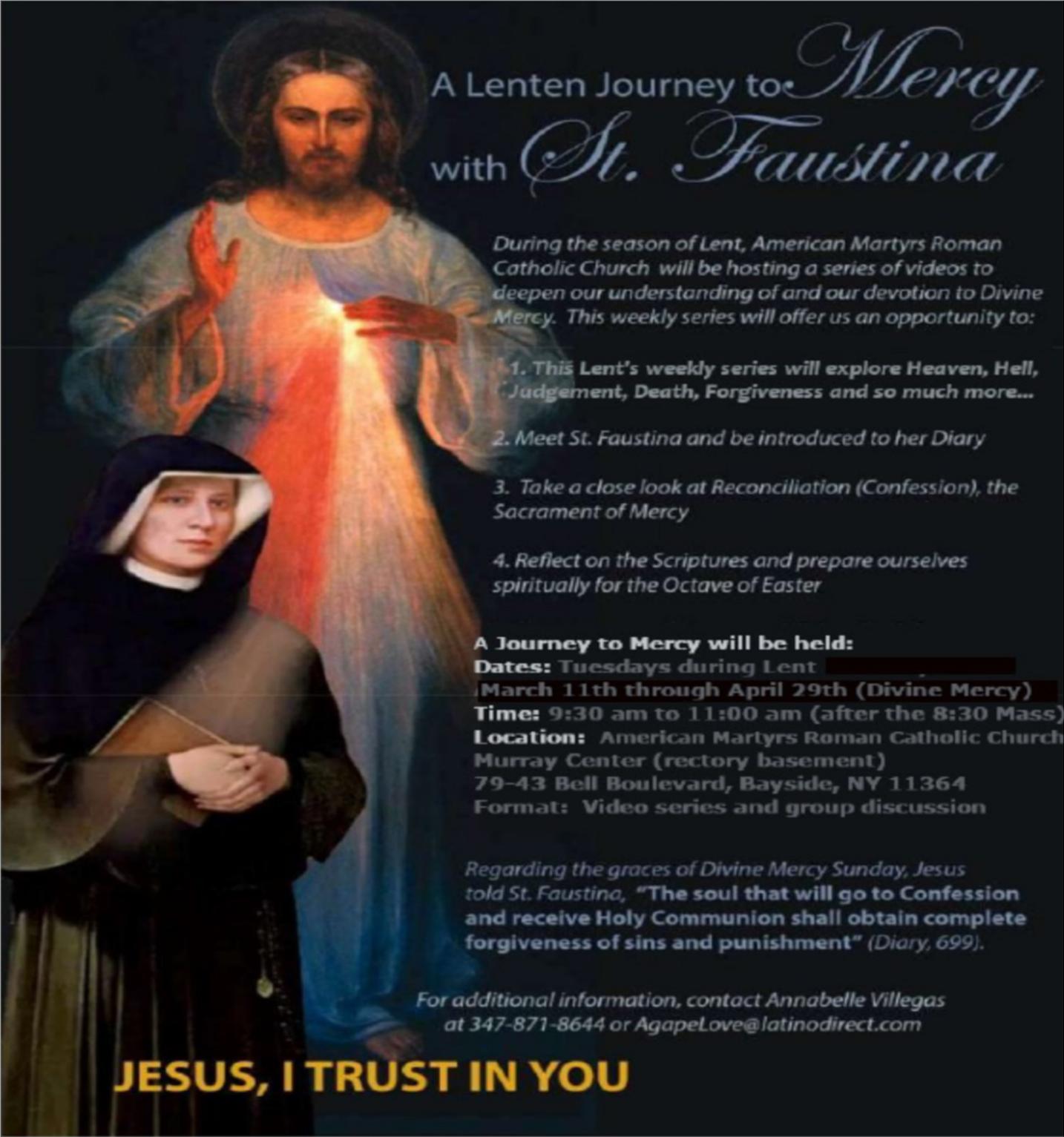
Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.



A Lenten Journey to *Mercy* with *St. Faustina*

During the season of Lent, American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church will be hosting a series of videos to deepen our understanding of and our devotion to Divine Mercy. This weekly series will offer us an opportunity to:

1. This Lent's weekly series will explore Heaven, Hell, Judgement, Death, Forgiveness and so much more...
2. Meet St. Faustina and be introduced to her Diary
3. Take a close look at Reconciliation (Confession), the Sacrament of Mercy
4. Reflect on the Scriptures and prepare ourselves spiritually for the Octave of Easter

A Journey to Mercy will be held:

Dates: Tuesdays during Lent

March 11th through April 29th (Divine Mercy)

Time: 9:30 am to 11:00 am (after the 8:30 Mass)

Location: American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church
Murray Center (rectory basement)

79-43 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, NY 11364

Format: Video series and group discussion

Regarding the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary, 699).

For additional information, contact Annabelle Villegas
at 347-871-8644 or AgapeLove@latinodirect.com

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

A Shelter for All Souls

Meditation: On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary, 699).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, thank You for the Feast of Mercy as a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. May I prepare with confident faith to receive the graces You promise for us on that day. I want to plunge into the ocean of Your graces.

**Good Friday April 18
thru
Divine Mercy Sunday April 27**

The

DIVINE MERCY
Novena

7:15pm Good Friday April 18
9am Holy Saturday - Saturday April 26
Divine Mercy Sunday: April 27
Adoration 12:30pm - 3pm
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: "PALMS AND GLORY"

Here we stand, once again, holding high our palm branches to be blessed. With the crowd in the Gospel story, we proclaim, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." Unlike those people in the Gospel who greeted Jesus, we know where this is going. We know that we are included in the crowds who greeted Jesus with joy, and in the same crowds who one week later would shout, "Crucify him!" We live into the story of Christ's glory and his suffering.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out! --Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

SUFFERING AND REDEMPTION

The reading of the Passion is long and hard to hear. Beginning with the Last Supper, the Passover meal in which Jesus gives himself to us in the bread and wine, through the agonizing prayer in the garden, to the trial, condemnation, and finally the crucifixion, we stand, patiently listening and wondering how we fit into this story. Although told in the past tense, we hear this story in the present tense, knowing that this is our story, one in which we suffer with our crucified Lord. We know also that this will lead to the Resurrection, but for now, we experience the grief and sadness that will be repeated in the rituals later this week: the Mass of Holy Thursday, the service of Good Friday with the veneration of the cross, and the quiet and thoughtful time of Holy Saturday leading to the glorious Easter Vigil. We view Jesus' suffering through the eyes of the women of Galilee as well as the guards and other disciples who watch from a distance. We have a glimpse of our redemption in the conversation of Jesus with "the good thief." Our hearts are broken. We finally recognize the effects of our sinfulness and the great gift that Jesus has given us in the Eucharist and in his death. That recognition can lead us truly to redemption as we contemplate its implication in our lives. We look forward to the Resurrection with eager anticipation of our salvation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Company



April 14, 2025
Reconciliation Monday
American Martyrs Schedule
9am - 10:30am + 2pm - 8pm

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

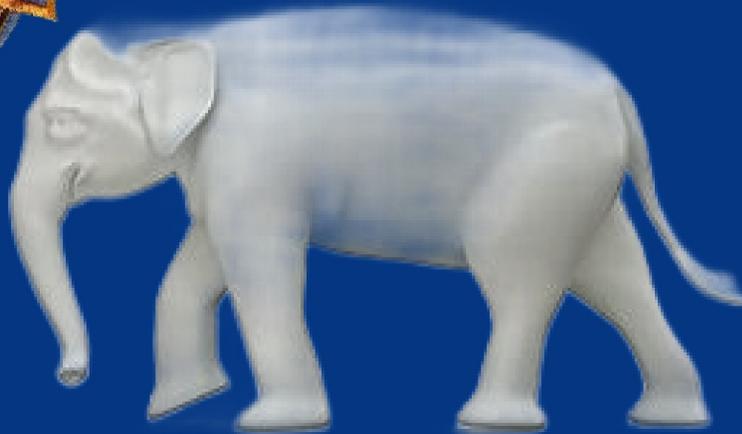
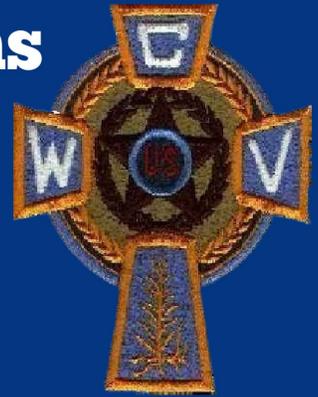
Reconciliation can be done face to face with a priest or kneeling behind a screen in a confessional or reconciliation room.

- 1. EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:** Before going to confession, take a moment and compare your life with the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the example of Christ and then pray to God for forgiveness.
- 2. GREETING:** After the priest welcomes you, both of you make the sign of the cross. Then you may wish to indicate facts about your life and the length of time since your last confession.
- 3. CONFESSION:** Confess your sins. All serious (mortal) sins since the last confession must be confessed. The priest then offers suitable advice and imposes an act of penance or satisfaction, which may include prayer, self-denial, or works of mercy.
- 4. PRAYER OF THE PENITENT:** Pray a prayer expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving not to sin again (see Act of Contrition) below
- 5. ABSOLUTION:** The priest extends his hands over your head and pronounces the formula of absolution, making the sign of the cross over your head during the final words. You Answer, "Amen."
- 6. DISMISSAL:** The priest dismisses you with the command to go in peace. Continue to express your conversion through a life renewed according to the Gospel and more steeped in the love of God.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin... ..Amen.

**American Martyrs
Catholic War Veterans**



**White Elephant Collection
(In the Sullivan Center)**

**Friday April 25 from 7pm - 9pm
Saturday April 26 from 11am - 2pm**



**Please no clothes, books, big electronics or furniture
All proceeds go to Catholic War Veterans post 1772 of
American Martyrs**



**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS
AMERICAN MARTYRS**

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
9AM - 3PM ON SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025
IN THE FR. JOHN J. SULLIVAN CENTER**

*"I don't always go to
Garage sales... ..but when
I do, I go to the
Catholic War Veterans of
American Martyrs
Garage Sale " Uncle Sam*



**VENDORS CALL THERESA
718 - 464 - 6411**

**LEAVE A MESSAGE AND THERESA WILL CAL
BACK ASAP**

Holy Family Mass Schedule



www.holyfamilyfm.org
175-20 74th Avenue Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366
(P): 718-969-2448 (F): 718-591-6166 (E): rectory@holyfamilyfm.org

8:30am Monday - Saturday
Sunday Schedule
5pm Vigil Mass 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12 Noon + 5pm

Special Needs Parents Group



We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bayside. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday May 6 and June 10

For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com



Tuition Assistance for Catholic Elementary Schools 2025 - 2026 School Year

Applications for Tuition Assistance for Catholic Elementary Schools (Grades K through 8) in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens For the 2025 + 2026 Academic Year is now open.

For more information, go to: ww.futursineducation.org/ or call Diocesan Futures in Education Office at 718 + 965 + 7340

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self- possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day.

Then follows the long Sabbath silence. The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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Please keep our children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey here at American Martyrs to receiving their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

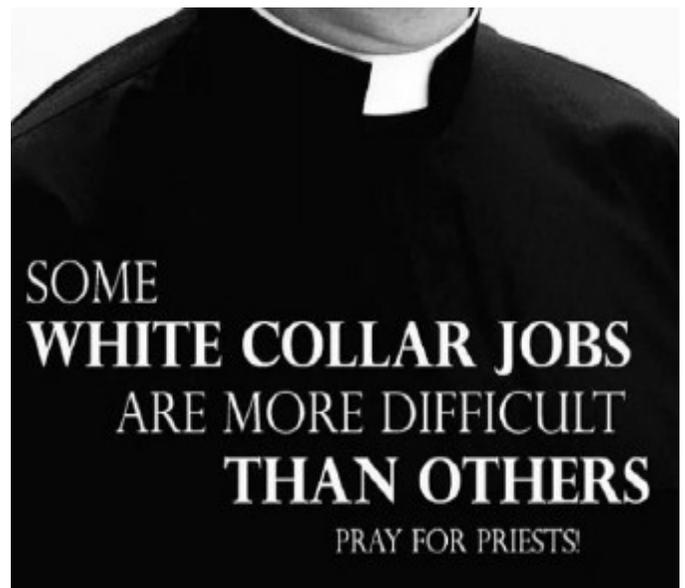
Please join them on **Saturday May 3, 2025**
May the American Martyrs, Pray for Our Children!

Save
the
Date

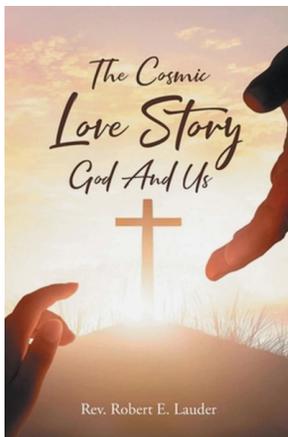
PLEASE BE MINDFUL!

When entering American Martyrs please be mindful that many people are praying. If you wish to greet someone do so in quiet tones so as not to disturb another's prayer time.

**Schedule for the Lectors and
Extra Ordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion AND ALTAR SERVERS
FOR HOLY WEEK
WILL BE EMAILED TO THOSE ASSIGNED**



**Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club
Will Take Place in the Murray Center on
Monday Evening April 21 at 7pm**



**The Book of the Month is
An American Beauty: A Novel of the Gilded Age
By Shana Abe**

**Rosary Society's
Altar Linen Schedule**



April 13: Carol Fortune
April 20: Nancy Marchi
April 27: Nancy Hill
May 4: Mary Galazin
May 11: Carol Fortune
May 18: Nancy Marchi
May 25: Nancy Hill
June 1: Mary Galazin
June 8: Carol Fortune

**If you are unable to do a week please call
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Father Vincent Capodanno

May God who has offered healing and strength through the hands of the His only Son, Our Lord, and through Christ's many servants grant me the favor of His healing hand through the intercession of His servant, **Father Vincent Capodanno**, priest, missionary, and chaplain, who always sought to heal and comfort the wounded and dying on the field of battle.

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Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

Floater: If your eyes hurt after drinking coffee, you need to take the spoon out of the cup.

Smitty: Due to inflation you can now eat food that has been on the floor for up to 8.9 seconds.

Floater: So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery and Daffy ask Elmer : " Is this Whiskey?" Elmer says, "Yes but not as whiskey as wobbling a bank!"

Smitty: What's the best gift you can give? A broken drum Nobody can beat that.

Floater: Free marriage tip: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she is mowing the lawn.

Smitty: The stuff you heard about me is a lie. I'm way worse.

Floater: 85% of Americans don't know how to do basic math. Thank God I'm part of the other 35%.

Smitty: For my age I have a lot going for me. My eyes are going, my knees are going, my back is going.

Floater: Baby Changing Stations are the biggest hoax. The parent always come out with the same kid.

Smitty: During pregnancy your baby can start to hear your voice by week 23. By age 2 they stop listening altogether.

Floater: Tips on how to fall asleep in a living room chair. 1. Be old, 2. sit in a chair.

Smitty: I'm at the age where my mind believes I'm 29, my humor 12 and my body possibly died in the Civil War.

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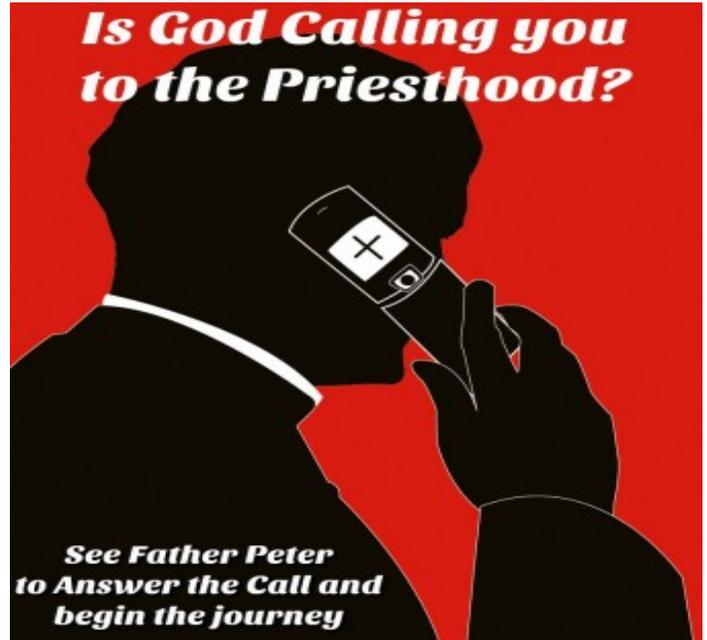
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