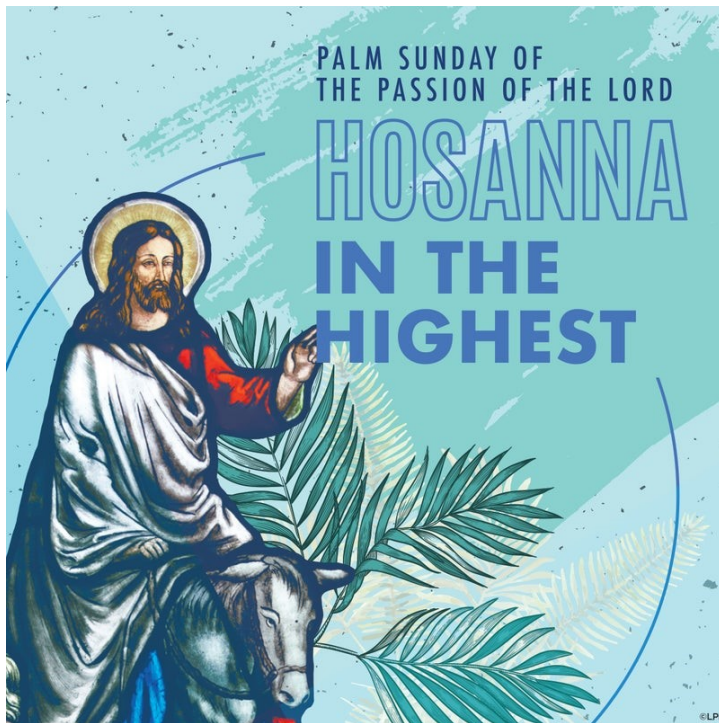


HOLY CROSS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

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Dear Parishioners,

We have made it to Holy Week in our 2022 Lenten journey. Lent officially ends Thursday with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Sacred Triduum, ending on Easter Sunday with evening prayer. These are the holiest days of the year for Christians. Let us challenge ourselves to honor these holy days with less busy schedules and a prayerful attentiveness of what Jesus did/does for us through sharing in his Passion, Death, and Resurrection: the Pascal (Easter) Mystery. Remember that Good Friday is a day of abstinence (no meat for those 14+ older) and fasting (no snacking between meals and only one full meal and two half meals for those 18-59). There is no 4pm regular Saturday Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday – only the 7:30pm Solemn Easter Vigil.

Holy Week and Triduum schedule:

Tuesday, April 12th 4:00pm Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River.

Holy Thursday, April 14th 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15th 3:00pm Passion of the Lord & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Solemn Easter Vigil, April 16th 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 17th: 7:00am, 8:30am, and simultaneous 10:00am church and parish center great room. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us here at Holy Cross.

You may or may not have noticed that our church sign in the front is down. It was beyond repair and needed to come down. We are in the process of replacing it with a granite sign that will likely outlive all of us. However, like most things because of covid, orders are backlogged, and it will take four to six months for it to arrive and be installed. Hopefully it will be in by our early autumn parish feast day, September 14th, the Exultation of the Holy Cross.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT A PARISH SURVEY. Fill it out now and leave in the bin at the door. Take it home and either mail it back or get it back to us by Easter Tuesday, April 19th. Use the link on the website or in the Flock-note I sent out today to fill out the online version. Both versions are the same. Every member of the parish 16 and older is encouraged to fill one out. Younger parishioners give their input through parents, older siblings, and grandparents. If you would like to be entered into a drawing for either one front row 4pm 2022 Christmas Eve pew or one front row 10am 2023 Easter pew, fill in the attached piece of paper that will be detached from your form and used for a drawing before we send the surveys in anonymously. THANK YOU for your active participation in helping the Parish and Finance Councils and Parish Staff vision and plan for the future of Holy Cross Parish.

Pay-Off-the-Debt 2022. Donations to Pay-Off-the-Debt 2022 are excluded from the annual Diocesan Assessment tax. We are making good progress. We have raised \$49,440 of the \$180,000 goal in the first three weeks. I extended the timeline from Lent through the Easter season ending on Pentecost, June 5th. It is an auspicious goal, but we can do it.

A 2022 donor panel(s) meeting the various original tiered amounts will be added to the donor plaques gracing the wall connecting the church and parish center.

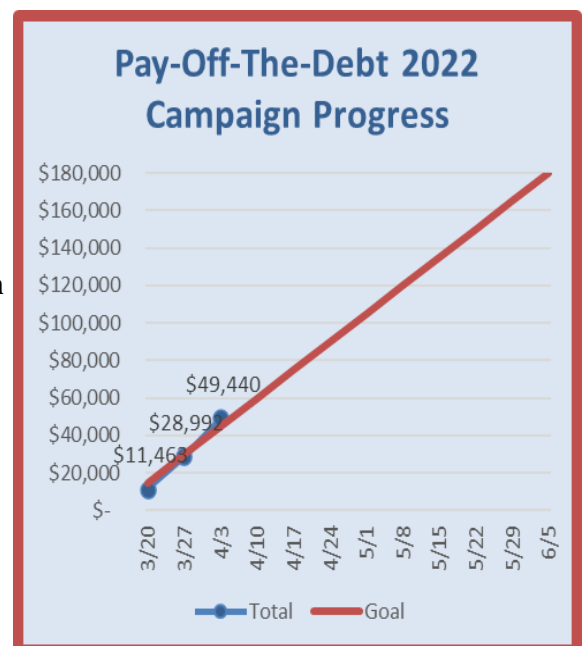
Leadership consists of gifts \$5,000 and above.

Circle of Charity of gifts \$3,000-5,000

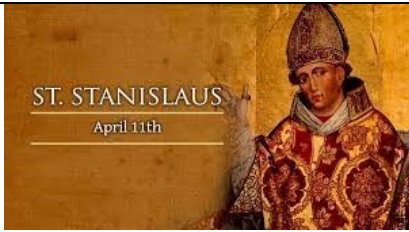
Friends of Holy Cross of gifts \$2,000-3,000.

Everyone who donates any amount will have their names added to the metal wall book mounted in the front entryway of the main parish center entrance for posterity. Make sure to add a memorial name or "dedicated to" on your donation card (please print clearly) or in the appropriate line on the online form. Contact the parish office if you need assistance. June 5th is the deadline for donations and pledges to be included on plaques and in the metal memory book. The panels will be installed by the parish feast day, the Exultation of the Holy Cross, September 14th. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity and support.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad



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Stanislaus was born in 1030 and is remembered for his vigorous opposition to unjust government. He was born near Krakow, Poland and was ordained a priest. Stanislaus was renowned for his preaching and many persons sought him out for spiritual direction. In 1071 Stanislaus was named the Bishop of Krakow.

Stanislaus was an outspoken critic of King Bolislaus II, specifically his immorality and cruelty. When Stanislaus excommunicated the king for kidnapping the wife of a nobleman and confining her to his castle this led the king to order that Stanislaus be murdered. The king's soldiers refused to do this so Bolislaus did it himself while Stanislaus was celebrating Mass. This was in 1079.

Stanislaus is venerated for his courage to speak out against unjust and immoral behavior, joining other courageous saints such as John the Baptist, Thomas Becket, and Thomas More. The responsory to the 2nd reading of the Liturgy Hours says, the holy bishop, Stanislaus, "engaged in combat even unto death. He feared no wicked threats; his faith was founded on solid rock."



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Goal: \$43,800

Donations received as of 4/3/22: \$43,036

\$120 will cover one day of utility bills for the parish

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, April 9

4:00pm Judy Fasoli 7th Anniversary
Requested by her husband, Dominic

✠Sunday, April 10

8:30am Mary O'Brien
Requested by Jerry and Rosemary Burke
10:00am Robert A. Kane 20th Anniversary
Requested by Sean Kane

✠Monday, April 11

9:00am

✠Tuesday, April 12

9:00am Fr. Peter Francis
Requested by Jim Greeno

✠Wednesday, April 13

9:00am

✠Thursday, April 14

7:00pm

✠Friday, April 15

Good Friday No Mass

✠Saturday, April 16

7:30pm Evelyn Faradie 10th Anniversary
Requested by Bill and Noreen Faradie & Family

✠Sunday, April 17

7:00am For the People of the Parish
8:30am Carol Scarbrough
Requested by Her Husband Bill
10:00am Michael Donahue 2nd Anniversary
Requested by Donahue Family



Daughters of Isabella

On April 13th at 7:00 PM Daughters of Isabella will be meeting at Holy Cross Church. The Daughters of Isabella 564 were founded as an auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood. We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday at either Holy Cross Church or Immaculate Conception Church. Some of our fun activities include Pajama night, bring a pair of pajamas that will be donated to My Brother's Keeper and wear Pajamas to our meeting. Valentine's Party, we make valentines for the shut-ins. Our Pound, Pair or Yard Auction is always a lot of laughs with some great items. We also have a Scholarship Tea for Graduating Students. We have other activities throughout the year with opportunities for new ideas to help our community. For more information contact Stephanie Coose at 508-944-2235 or scoose5@verizon.net

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NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAINSRING SHELTER MEALS THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

APRIL 16, 2022

Let us know what you're bringing a few days ahead. This will help us prepare to serve about 130 guests.

Cathy Downes: 508-742-5957

cathy.downes@verizon.net or Trish Murphy: 508-813-1880 triciamurph@gmail.com

Deliver cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:45 PM.

Meal Suggestions:

Cooked, sliced chicken	Cooked, sliced ham
Potatoes	Fresh fruit
Pasta dishes w/meat & sauce	Macaroni and Cheese
Cooked vegetables	Stuffing & Gravy
Cranberry sauce	Tossed Salad & Dressing
Bread or Rolls	Desserts

Servers are not needed at this time

To Receive Flocknotes for Mainspring Meals or to sign up for Holy Cross Flocknotes at

holycrossparish.flocknote.com/everyone

Contact cathy.downes@verizon.net or triciamurph@gmail.com for more info

Parish Nurse Ministry



Thank you to all of those who came out for the March 23rd Blood Drive here at Holy Cross

A total of 29 units of blood were collected that day helping people in need of blood during a National Blood Crisis
Your generosity of giving of yourself is much appreciated

Join us for an

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17 at 6:00 a.m.

Sheep Pasture

at the house foundation

Hosted by Easton area churches

Info: office@ecovchurch.org

Liturgical Ministers

April 9 & 10

Lectors

4 pm Diane Cheevers
Penny Brennan

8:30 Virginia Polanski
Brian Sheehan

10am Roy Owens
Tom Murray

Communion Ministers

Kevin Kinch
Michelle Hassan
Marty Reynolds

John McLaughlin
Robin Durgin-King
Stephanie Coose

Janine Couture
Joe Kennedy
Pat Brophy-Signori

Tridium and Easter Sunday

Lectors

Linda Sullivan

Communion Ministers

Holy Thursday 7pm

Joe Kennedy
Mark Jussaume
Diane Jussaume
Majela Justin

Good Friday 3pm

Penny Brennan
Diane Jussaume

Marin Reynolds
Fran Long

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Joe Kennedy
Dianne Cheevers
Joyce Isiminger
Nancy Donahue
Penny Brennan
Richard Piecowicz

Michelle Hassan
Denise Urquhart
Bill Urquhart
Donna Cunha
Bob Cunha

**Easter Sunday
7am**

Linda Sullivan

Teresa Connor
Fran Long

8:30am

Mike Farrell

Majela Justin
Stephen Torgerson
John McLaughlin

10am Church

Nancy Donahue

Pat Brophy-Signori
Bob Wood
Suzanne Williams
Rolf Alphonse

10am Parish Center

Kevin Kinch

Fran Long
Lori Dixon

The Social Action Commission will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Our Commission coordinates the Holy Cross Parish outreach programs of the Easton and greater-Easton communities. Our parish supports: Birthright of Taunton, The Louison Shelter, MainSpring House, My Brother's Keeper, Family and Community Resources, Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, The Giving Tree and We Do Care. All are welcome. For questions and more information, please contact Claire Smith at 508 238-1899 or claire.smith@comcast.net. Thank you.

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READING I **Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING II **Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL **In 8:1-11**

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." He said to them, "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing," they replied. He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "It is enough!" Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for

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testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth.” Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, “We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.” Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.” Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, “I find this man not guilty.” But they were adamant and said, “He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.” On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.” But all together they shouted out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.” — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate addressed them a third time, “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.” With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?” Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, “This man was innocent beyond doubt.” When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.