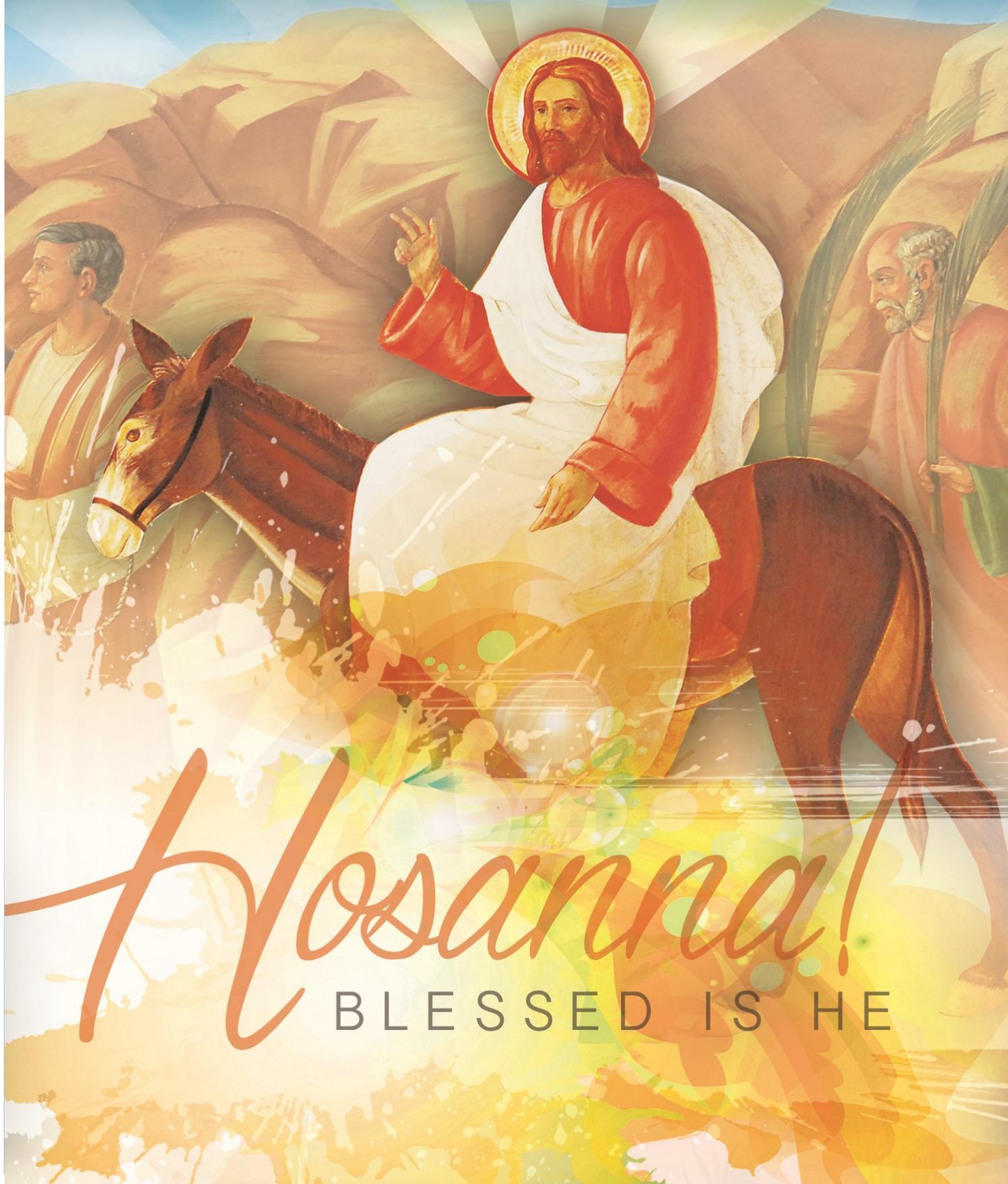
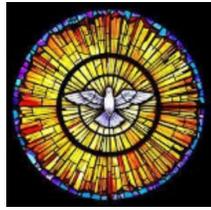


P A L M S U N D A Y



Hosanna!
BLESSED IS HE

**Our Lady of Mt.
Carmel and Our Lady of
Loreto Parish
PRAYER FOR PARISH
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**



Lord God, You love us with an everlasting love, and You choose us to share Your love with others. We ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation. Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to You. We pray for all who form our parish community, that we remain faithful to Your teaching, that we remain steadfast in our prayer, both personal and communal, that together with You and the Holy Spirit, our parish may be renewed and transformed. All this we ask in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR FRIENDS,

Today on this Palm/Passion Sunday we have entered into Holy Week, remembering the Passion of our Lord in vivid detail. In this, the Church effectively reminds us that it is precisely because a fierce war has been fought, and won, by the power of good over evil. Holy Week is not a stage show, not simply a memorial of something that took place over two thousand years ago. Our Lord is mysteriously and spiritually present once again in the power generated by His sufferings.

This means that even today the sacrificial love of Christ that was consummated on the hill of Calvary, the scene of Jesus' horrible crucifixion and death, is poured out upon us. This historical event of His passion occurred in a particular place and time, but the interior oblation of His heart lives eternally. Year in and year out, day in and day out, in fact, we unite ourselves to the saving Passion of the Lord in the liturgy of the Church. And as we endure our own 'passions' – the sufferings and trials that each of us faces, we know that He is with us.

Importantly, we can also entrust to Jesus, the circumstances of our own death, whenever it will come, hoping to share in His resurrection. Please join us for the beautiful and moving services of the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday to help you prayerfully prepare for the awesome celebration of Easter!

Lenten Blessings!
Monsignor Pedone

A NOTE OF THANKS

A few names were mistakenly omitted from the list printed in last weeks bulletin of donors who generously contributed to the recent special collection.

With many thanks also to Chester DiLeo and Nino Giamei.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL
NOTES 2022 FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◆ Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Lenten Prayer

“Once I saw a mime straining as if to open one of the three doors in a room where he found himself. He pushed and pulled at the door-knobs, but none of the doors would open. Then he kicked with his feet against the panels of the door, but they didn’t break. Finally, he threw his full weight against the doors, but none of them yielded. The man was so concentrated on the three locked doors that he didn’t even notice that the room had no back wall and that he could simply walk out if he would only turn around and look! That is what conversion is all about. It is a complete turnaround that allows us to discover that we are not the prisoners we think we are. From God’s place, we often look like the man who tries to open the locked doors of his room. We worry about many things and even wound ourselves while worrying. God says: ‘Turn around, set your heart on my kingdom. I give you all the freedom you desire.’”



- Henri J. M. Nouwen

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

The priests of the parishes of our Deanery, including Monsignor Pedone, will gather on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward Street, Worcester, to hear confessions. All are invited to attend this special event to experience and celebrate the great mercy of God in time for the celebration of Easter.

Lenten Schedule for the Week of April 10**Monday, April 11**

7:00 am - Mass

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 am - Mass

10:30 am—Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass) at St. Paul Cathedral. All are invited.

6:30 pm—Deanery Penance Service at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward St., Worcester. Opportunity for Confessions in time for Easter

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm—"The Chosen" in the Parish Center

Thursday, April 14

No 7:00 am Mass

7:30 pm—Mass of the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15

3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm—Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16

No Confessions and no 4:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm—Great Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 17

8:00 am—Easter Sunday Mass

10:30 am—Easter Sunday Mass

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. The faithful receive palms which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival into Jerusalem.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year of the church because it marks the culmination of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday Vigil.

HOLY THURSDAY

This Mass commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper by Jesus. During this liturgy, the Celebrant who is *Persona Christi*, will wash the feet of 12 parishioners. In this way, the many connections between the Eucharist, salvation, self-sacrifice and service to others are brought together.

GOOD FRIDAY

The liturgy on this night is perhaps the most simple and stark liturgy of the entire year and consists of 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and the reception of Holy Communion. The Cross is solemnly venerated as each person acknowledges the instrument of Christ's death and publicly demonstrates their willingness to take up their cross and follow Christ. Afterward, the faithful receive Communion and depart in silence.

HOLY SATURDAY-EASTER VIGIL

This is the "Mother of all vigils." It consists of 4 general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation and Liturgy of the Eucharist, which includes the reception of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Crucified and Risen Lord.

"Christ is Risen from the dead; by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He grants life."

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Last October, Pope Francis announced the convening on a world-wide synod which he calls a Synod on Synodality. What is a Synod on Synodality? A synod is an ecclesial assembly convoked---depending upon its geographic scope---by the Pope or Bishop(s) to provide consultation and input on questions put to the synod by those leaders. Synods were held in the ancient Church. They can take place at the diocesan, provincial, regional, or universal level of the Church. In 1965 Pope Paul VI made the Synods of Bishops a permanent institution to provide counsel to the Pope in governing the Church. This gathering of Bishops and other invited participants will discuss the consultative processes of the Church. Pope Francis is looking for input from every diocese in the world to consider people's experiences in the consultative outreach of the Church at every level from parishes to dioceses to the universal Church. In our parish we are encouraging our parishioners to participate in an online survey on the Diocesan website worcesterdiocese.org/synod-2023 to express your experiences on the past consultative efforts at outreach in our Diocese and to get your input on important issues of evangelization and Eucharistic Revival. Please see the Synod webpage cited above to learn more about synodality, past consultative outreach in our Diocese and to take the online survey. For those of you who don't use the internet, the Catholic Free Press will have all of the Survey questions printed in its April 1 edition which you can use to fill out and return to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. There will also be copies of the Survey available in the vestibule of the church. Please note that your responses must be received by May 31.

Financial Stewardship
For the week ending April 3, 2022

Income

Offertory:	
Week-End	\$4,192.39
Mail	985.00
Maintenance	641.00
On-Line Giving	537.00
Easter Flowers	495.00
Fuel	203.00
Catholic Relief Services	119.00
Easter	32.00
Good Friday	25.00
Palm Sunday	15.00
Latin America	15.00
Ash Wednesday	15.00
First Offering	<u>5.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$7,279.39
Mount Carmel Parking Revenue	6,190.00
Mass Stipends	205.00
Candles	83.00
Donations	51.29
Catholic Free Press	<u>39.00</u>
Total	<u>\$13,847.68</u>
Expenses:	
Utilities: (March)	
Electricity	\$2,855.81
Natural Gas	1,741.69
Heating Oil	1,091.00
Internet, Cable & Phone	<u>540.86</u>
Total Utilities	\$6,229.36
Music: (March)	
Organists	1,050.00
Cantors	<u>650.00</u>
Total Cost of Music	1,700.00
Salaries and Wages	7,278.50
Snow Plowing and Sanding	1,700.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,080.00
Employee Benefits	956.17
Presbyterial Conference	595.00
Rectory—Food and Household	574.35
Funeral Stipends	435.00
Mass Stipends	410.00
Vestments	296.00
Rubbish Removal	196.35
Supplies	<u>166.41</u>
Total	<u>\$21,617.14</u>

PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Again this year the parish is awarding scholarships to deserving parishioners who are seniors in high school and will be attending college in the fall. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church or at the parish center. They must be completed and returned to the parish center no later than Friday, April 29th.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY
APPEAL—2022



By our baptism, we are called to “be the Face of Christ”, offering hope to those in need through works of prayer, charity and education. This is the reason for the annual Partners in Charity Appeal in the Diocese of Worcester.

Our goal this year remains the same at \$50,000.

To date:

77 Gifts Total: \$ 30,593.79

61% of our goal

Ways to donate:

Online: Go to partnersincharity.net

By phone: Development office 508-929-4366

By mail: Checks payable to Partners in Charity Appeal, note the parish, send to: Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609

Through the Parish: at Mass or the office. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

“AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS”

Our monthly meeting for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, especially a spouse or life partner, are invited to join us for an informal gathering of support and sharing at the parish center. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 pm.

VISITATION OF CHURCHES

Traditionally on Holy Thursday in the past we would have taken a bus trip and visited seven churches in the area. For the past two years we have not been able to do this due to the pandemic. Many churches now close immediately after the Holy Thursday Mass. So again this year we will offer a virtual tour of churches. Anyone who would like to participate please email Joan-dargenis@yahoo.com.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

CYC CAR WASH

Mark you calendars!
The CYC will be having a Car Wash on Saturday, May 14.
More information to follow.





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9, 2022—4:00 p.m.
Joseph Valarioti (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 10, 2022—8:00 a.m.
Linda E. Sacco by husband Pat Sacco and Family

Sunday, April 10, 2022—10:30 a.m.
Joseph and Rachel Toscano by Family
Guiliano Taffuri, Giovanna Stellato, Emilio Taffuri, Giuseppe Iannotta and Giovanni Cionti by daughter
Julia & Salvatore Marchese and Theresa & Patsy Pezzella by Family

Monday, April 11, 2022—7:00 a.m.
The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 12, 2022—7:00 a.m.
The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, April 13, 2022—7:00 a.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Thursday, April 14, 2022—7:30 p.m.
The People of the Parish

Friday, April 15, 2022—7:30 p.m.
Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, April 16, 2022—7:30 p.m.
Charles Vasquez by the Ortiz Family
Virginia Comforti by Family

Sunday, April 17, 2022—8:00 a.m.
Philip & Lucy Aquino and Children by Janice and Ronnie
Anne Chionchio-Porcaro by Parents
Angelo and Anne Dell'Olio by Children
Matteo and Maddalena Chionchio by Children

Sunday, April 17, 2022—10:30 a.m.
Marc Banzuela (Thanksgiving) by the Ortiz Family
Joseph Dellagala by daughter Stacey
Joseph and Katherine Riggieri by daughter Dolores

ST JOSEPH ICON VISITING OUR PARISH

April 24-30
 St Joseph Icon Prayer Service and Mass
 Tuesday April 26 at 7PM

The Parish Knights of Columbus has arranged for the St Joseph Icon to come to Our Lady of Loreto Parish. The venerated Icon, from St Joseph's Oratory in Montreal Canada is touring the country and will be at our Parish. Please join us in this unique event as we venerate this beautiful icon and celebrate St Joseph on the 26th of April with a Mass and Prayer Service.



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Francis Caffone, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Sylvia Pusateri, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Sue Cozzolino, Anthony DeAngelis, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Emma Taubert, Charlene Swalec, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano, Riccardo & Silvia Cazzaniga, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Aldona Kibelkstis, Richard and Rita Sharameta, Mary Antonucci, Cindy Worthington, Beverly DeMarco, Lucille Carrier, Richard Rolla, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Chet DiLeo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Dolores Ventresca, Dermot Kelly and Theresa Wagner. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Upcoming Events

- | Faith Formation (every Monday)
- | Golden Years (every Tuesday)
- | Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm (every 3rd Wednesday)
- | "At the Foot of the Cross" - 6:30 pm (last Thursday of the month)
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- | Apr. 14—Holy Thursday
- | Apr. 15—Good Friday
- | Apr. 16—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday
- | Apr. 17—EASTER SUNDAY
- | April 21—Knights of Columbus—7pm
- | Apr. 24—Confirmation
- | April 28—"At the Foot of the Cross" - 6:30 pm
- | May 1—First Communion

FIRST PENANCE

The following students made their First Penance this past Saturday: Gianna Harvey, Crystal Le, Ava Oliver, Liam Rawson, Lucas Rawson, Luigi Romeo and Gianna Totaro. God bless them all and their families. Pictured with the students are Monsignor Pedone, Joan D'Argenis, Director of Religious Education and Santina MacGregor, grade 2 religious education instructor.





Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Apr 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Revealing companions

Today the church follows Luke's narrative of the Passion, where participants are revealed by the company they keep—or avoid. Most of Jesus' followers flee his side, fearing to share their teacher's fate. Meanwhile, the Roman governor Pilate makes a strange alliance with local puppet-king Herod, a man he despises. Both agree on one thing: Holding onto power is their highest priority. Then Simon, a Jew from the African dispersion, finds himself forced to carry Jesus' cross: something the disciples were terrified of doing. Tradition holds this Cyrenian and his family later joined the early church. Whose company are we keeping?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Procession: Luke 19:28-40 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philipians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 (38). "As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian . . . laying the cross on him."*

Monday, Apr 11, 2022

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

What's your pet project?

Everyone knows Saint Francis of Assisi loved animals—but so did many other saints. Saint Basil the Great urged Christians to see animals as our brothers. Saint Cuthbert made friends with birds. Saint Giles was a vegetarian. And Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, the patron saint of cats, is known for feeding and loving the strays around her monastery. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "God surrounds animals with His providential care" and Catholic moral theology and ecology have always insisted that it is an act of cruelty to abuse an animal. Today is National Pet Day, a chance to thank God for all creatures—as well as advocate for their welfare.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."*

Tuesday, Apr 12, 2022

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Reoiled and ready to serve

During this Holy Week your diocese will celebrate its annual Chrism Mass. Diocesan priests join their bishop as he mixes and blesses a year's supply of sacred oils to be used across the diocese for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Oil of Catechumens), the Anointing of the Sick (Oil of the Infirm), and the sanctification of those who receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders (Holy Chrism). We are anointed for a noble purpose and receive a healing balm. Give glory to God who seals us with inherent dignity and makes us whole.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."*

Wednesday, Apr 13, 2022

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Cinema that inspires

On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in *Lilies of the Field*. The moment was also notable in that Poitier was an immigrant from the Bahamas and a black Catholic—bringing two marginalized groups together in one historic personage. His role was also unique, that of a handyman who helps a group of nuns—immigrants themselves—with their aging farm property. With its vision of interracial harmony and positive portrait of the church, the film attained legendary status. May we all aspire to live out the call of unity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."*

Thursday, Apr 14, 2022

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lean into the Real Presence

Do we ever plumb the depths of what the Eucharist means in our lives? Christ present. Blood poured out for the world. Unifying meal. The many ways to understand what Jesus gave to us on Holy Thursday may take more than a lifetime to truly grasp. Some of the deepest truths of faith are those that we cannot completely unlock intellectually. Perhaps today is a moment to let go and just relax into Jesus as we receive him at Mass. "He is present for your happiness," Saint Francis de Sales tells us. "Welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Friday, Apr 15, 2022

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

You were there for the long haul

Good Friday, called "Long Friday" in some cultures, marks the close of the long fast of Lent. The word Lent, itself, derives from Old Germanic words for long, or lengthening, days, likely referring to spring. Regardless of what we call this day or the season that brought us here, it has indeed been a long fast. Have you spent these 40 days the way you had intended? Or did you perhaps pass the cup of self-sacrifice early on? Not to worry. In the end, it is more about quality than quantity. As Doctor of the Church Saint John Chrysostom says, "No matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). "See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted."*

Saturday, Apr 16, 2022

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

Experience the real absence

Today the church is silent, the altar is bare, the tabernacle is empty. Holy Saturday is observed without ceremony of any kind. The Easter Vigil does not start until the sun goes down. Before the kindling of the Easter fire, Holy Saturday remains a blank spot in the church's calendar signifying the real death of Jesus. Perhaps it is a good time to visit your church and experience our lifeless Lord. If you get there before the hubbub of Easter preparation begins, you can keep vigil in the quietude of a church reflecting on its beloved Christ, crucified.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"*