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"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord."
- Mt 21:9

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PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

APRIL 2

R1, Mt 21:1-11

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

R2, Phil 2:6-11

Gospel, Mt 26:14—27:66

Saint Francis of Paola

APRIL 3

R1, Is 42:1-7

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

Gospel, Jn 12:1-11

Saint Benedict the African

APRIL 4

R1, Is 49:1-6

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

Gospel, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Saint Isidore of Seville

APRIL 5

R1, Is 50:4-9a

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

Gospel, Mt 26:14-25

Saint Vincent Ferrer

APRIL 6

R1, Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

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

R2, 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel, Jn 13:1-15

Saint Crescentia Hoess

APRIL 7

R1, Is 52:13—53:12

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

R2, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel, Jn 18:1—19:42

Saint John Baptist de La Salle

APRIL 8

R1, Gn 1:1—2:2

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

R2, Gn 22:1-18

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

R3, Ex 14:15—15:1

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

R4, Is 54:5-14

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

R5, Is 55:1-11

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

R6, Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our **Seattle Mariners** opened the season this past Thursday, and with making the playoffs last year, there is a buzz and excitement about their prospects this year. Although historically a fair-weather fan, I am rooting for the M's and will probably attend a few games at T-Mobile Park.



Believe it or not, something far more significant happens this weekend. I refer to the beginning of **Holy Week** with the celebration of **Palm Sunday and the Passion, of the Lord**. Once again the church recalls how God always sends Jesus to save us from sin and fear, death, and despair. I like how St. Paul summarizes it in his magnificent hymn to Christ in Philippians 2:6-11:

*Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, Jesus did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, and by having a human appearance. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross. This is why God has given him an exceptional honor—the name honored above all other names—so that in the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will kneel and confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord** to the glory of God the Father.*

A blessed Holy Week to all! Please consider attending the special liturgies that make this week so powerful in shaping our Christian lives and witness!

Yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. William Heric".

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

APRIL 8 (cont.)

R7, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Epistle, Rom 6:3-11

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

Gospel, Mt 28:1-10

Saint Julie Billiart

APRIL 9

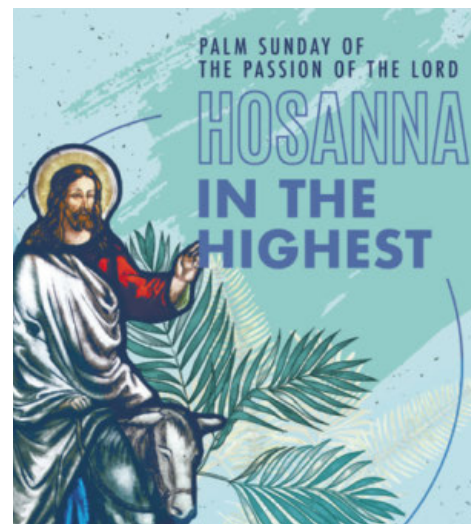
R1, Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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

R2, Col 3:1-4

Gospel, Jn 20:1-9

Saint Casilda



A MAN AND HIS DOGS

*A St. Vincent de Paul
Narrative*

We will call him Larry. He is not really all that elderly although he's had a very hard life and it shows. He lives in low-income housing, where he's been for many years. He was an ironworker at one time and in the course of that work had a very bad fall which resulted in back pain extending now over many, many years. He has had several surgeries, and, like many who are poor and can't afford to eat right, he has several health issues including diabetes. He walks with a cane and takes multiple medications.

Larry has done pretty well with his limited income and doesn't ask us regularly for help, but lately he needed help paying the rent. It is a small sum compared to so many rents today in Seattle but this month it was beyond him.

When I talked to him on the phone he spoke lovingly about his two small dogs who are his closest companions and obviously very, very dear to him. He asked for dog food which

we were unable to supply. He talked about walking them one evening recently when he had to fend off a coyote by picking up "my babies," as he referred to them, at the risk of falling himself. He also talked about raccoons who can be vicious and described an encounter one of the other people who live in his facility had with one. Another risk to his pals!

He told me that a few months ago a body had been discovered in the area close to where he walks the dogs. Well, Larry is a born storyteller and I wondered if he might just be embellishing a bit here but he told me to check news reports. I do know that area well which just across from where he lives is quite overgrown; he was telling the truth.

Despite all his health issues and fears about walking in the evening he is good natured, willing to meet life as it comes. It was a pleasure to talk to him and to help him. Good thing my fellow volunteer and I liked dogs as they were very happy to see us. It is obvious they are well looked after and loved.

We assist many people like Larry. We see them in their homes and surroundings.



We listen to their stories and help them the best we can. Their lives are very far from "The American Dream," and reinforce the idea that kindness and understanding are not just our jobs as Vincentians but also a reason for us to be grateful for what we have, and to continually pray for the Larry's of our society. We hope you will, too, and that with your gifts you will continue to help us do what we can to make their lives even a little bit better. LK

If you are interested in helping with the joint Assumption St. Bridget St. Vincent de Paul conference, please contact Lynn Stapp - lynnstapp@gmail.com or Mary Kay Beeby - marykay@beebyclark.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

During Lent, we are called to give special attention to our relationship with God. Through opportunities to deepen our prayer, practice fasting and give alms, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world. Please make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries to overcome poverty. You can donate online by visiting www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF APRIL 2 - APRIL 9

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5	APRIL 6	APRIL 7	APRIL 8	APRIL 9
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:00pm - 10:00pm Adoration	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion Service 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration to follow until 10:00pm	9:00am - 9:00pm Church is open 9:00am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord Service	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Easter Sunday Mass & Welcome Weekend 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt <i>+Live-streamed</i>



ST. BRIDGET SPRING AUCTION

Sunday, April 2 is the LAST DAY to purchase!

Ya'll, don't dilly dally and miss out on all of the fun. Tickets are selling faster than a hot knife through butter! **The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, April 2.** Buy your tickets today!

Break out those boots and put on your bling...the good times at St. Bridget are in full swing! Corral your friends and family and join us for St Bridget's "Boots & Bling" Auction- **Friday, April 28th.**

Please email stbridgetauction@gmail.com for more information.

LENTEN RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Holy Week

"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." — Philippians 2:7-8

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final

meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, as he walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it's important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality—almsgiving—which allows us to help those who are most in need.

This final week of Lent is also a time to reflect on those words of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question.

We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April	3	9:00am	Daily Mass	Sharon Anderrson, RIP
Tuesday	April	4	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	April	5	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	April	6	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	April	7	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	April	8	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	April	9	9:30am	Mass	For the Parish

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