

MARCH 28, 2021 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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Beginning today, the liturgical texts highlight Christ's surrender. His entrance into Jerusalem reminds us of the victory of a life given over to reflecting the mercy of God. Christ emptied himself of his divinity to make himself like us in all things but sin and, in that way, free us from its chains. The dramatic quality of this Sunday is seen in the processions of the faithful who, with their palms, announce that a life in Jesus is more important than the material life we sometimes succumb to. Parish teams should be prepared to reach out to all those in God's kingdom. They should remain open to hearing the Lord's word and taking part in the signs that communicate God's closeness and link his strength and protection with the lives of the faithful.



A partir de hoy, los textos litúrgicos resaltan la rendición de Cristo. Su entrada en Jerusalén nos recuerda la victoria de una vida entregada a reflejar la misericordia de Dios. Cristo se vació de su divinidad para hacerse gustar en todas las cosas menos en el pecado y, de esa manera, liberarnos de sus cadenas. La dramática calidad de este domingo se ve en las procesiones de los fieles que, con sus palmas, anuncian que una vida en Jesús es más importante que la vida material a la que a veces sucumbimos. Los equipos parroquiales deben estar preparados para llegar a todos los que están en el reino de Dios. Deben permanecer abiertos a escuchar la palabra del Señor y a participar en los signos que comunican la cercanía de Dios y vinculan su fuerza y protección con la vida de los fieles.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 1/2 hour before 9 & 11 am Masses

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prayer Chapel open all hours
(with restrictions)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Closed Friday

Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

This week is Palm Sunday or otherwise known as "Passion Sunday". The only liturgy of the year where we hear two different Gospel stories, stories that relay two completely different reactions to the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem. In the first Gospel reading, Jesus is greeted as a hero, honored with palm branches as if he were a King. The second has Jesus greeted as a criminal, with hatred and people despising him, calling for his death. What is most interesting is that these two completely different reactions to the presence of Jesus came from the same group of people. How could the people's opinion of Jesus change so rapidly?

Having a chance to walk the very steps that Jesus had to walk to enter the city of Jerusalem, helped me appreciate the chaotic religiosity surrounding the city that would have created a volatile atmosphere for Jesus. Even today people are trying to sell religious goods and provide all kinds of services in order to make a little money. Jesus' popularity would have attracted many people for many different reasons. It is easy to jump on the Jesus bandwagon when things are going good but blame him when things are hard.

Unlike the crowd, His mother Mary never blamed God for the suffering of her son, but suffered along with Him, with the hope that God would come to His aid. We are never alone in our suffering; Jesus walks with us in the challenges and disappointments of life. Now that Palm Sunday is over, we begin Holy Week, in which we journey to Calvary along with Christ and await his resurrection at Easter time. Our journey will conclude with the celebration of the Triduum, which consists of the three liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Let us all, who are able to celebrate the Triduum, be ready and willing to fall more deeply in love with Christ our Savior.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Fr. Kurt is inviting everyone to pray daily with him as he does a 33 day consecration. Please join our faithful Father in prayer.

The Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through the charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most holy might protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE

Men's Retreat ♦ JULY 22-25, 2021
Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Mar 30	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Bernard Michael Martin	Church
Wed Mar 31	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Darlene Delgado by Francis	Church
Thurs Apr 1	6:30 pm	HOLY THURSDAY Rosary	Church
	7:00 pm	Mass † Roger Bok by Geri	Church
Fri Apr 2	2:30 pm	GOOD FRIDAY Rosary	Church
	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service † Tony & Francis Bok by Geri	Church
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Good Friday Service † Marian Lopez Huerta & Rene Lopez Rodriguez by Sonia Lopez	Church
Sat Apr 3	7:30 am	EASTER VIGIL Rosary	Church
	8:00 pm	Mass † Nubbs & Kathy Wilder by Ann Utzka & Marvin Wilder	Church
Sun Apr 4	7:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Rosary	Church
	7:30 am	Mass † Vince Warner Sr & his loving sons Mike, Craig & Vince Jr. by Marilyn	Church
	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Mike Olson Family by Karen Olson	Church
	11:00 am	Hispanic Mass † Jose Piedad Lopez by family and † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family	Church

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Apr 4	For the Mike Olson Family by Karen Olson
Apr 11	† Lucy Luna, wife of Ray Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson † Duane Elyea and Leo & Martha Kirsch by Patty Christopherson † Esther Mulholland by Mulholland family † John Buttweiler by the Farrells An Anonymous Donation for all listeners.
Apr 18	† Esther Mulholland by the Mulholland family Additional Sponsors Needed
Apr 25	Sponsors Needed
May 2	† Pat Johndro by Bob & Marilyn Blong & Family
May 9	In recognition of all mothers living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary



Sacrificial Giving

March 15-22, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$6,338.51	\$928.58	\$70.00	\$10.00
2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal			
Goal			55,605.00
Amount Received (3.22.21)			\$24,277.00

Funeral Kitchen Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are once again needed to help with funerals as setup/servers and dishwashers. Please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603 or Jolene our kitchen coordinator at 373-1545. Thank you!

This Week's Activities & Reminders		
Mon Mar 29	Adoration 9:30am -8:30 pm Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7 pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church
Tues Mar 30	Adoration 9:30am -8:30 pm	Chapel
Wed Mar 31	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Adoration 9:30am -8:30 pm Faith Formation 5th-11th Grades 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Chapel Marian Hall, Church
Thurs Apr 1	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00 pm	Church Basement
Fri Apr 2	Divine Mercy Novena (Español) 12:00-1:00 pm	Church
Sat Apr 3	Divine Mercy Novena (Español) 12:00-1:00 pm	Church
Sun Apr 4	Divine Mercy Novena (Español) 12:00-1:00 pm	Church

Liturgical Ministers				
 Holy Week	Holy Thursday April 1 7:00 pm	Good Friday April 2 English 3:00 pm	Good Friday April 2 Hispanic 7:00pm	
	Accompanist Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir	
	Cantor Abbie Theusch	Abbie Theusch	Chosen by Eneida	
Lectors Dennis Dieser	Dennis Dieser	Lois Ahern Don Savelkoul	Chosen by Eneida	
 HAPPY EASTER	Holy Saturday April 3 8:00 pm	Easter Sunday April 4		
	Accompanist Ryan Hulshizer	7:30 am Ada Theusch	9:00 am Ada Theusch	11:00 am Ada Theusch
Cantor Jody Blong	Betsy Schultz	Abbie Theusch	Hispanic Choir	
Lectors Wendy Lazaro Sue Amundson	Nick Schiltz	Kathleen Bleckeberg	Evan Blankenship	
Altar Servers	Needed	Needed	Evan Blankenship	Miguel Palma

St. Theodore School News

Thank you to those who came to our Drive Thru Fish Fry's and helped support our Pre-K Program. Big thank you to those who worked behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you!

Last chance for the **Early Bird Registration Special** of \$25 per form. We are still excepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration forms are available in the School Office or on our website: www.sttheo.org. If you have any questions or would like to set up a tour, contact the school office at 507-373-9657 or email the school secretary at kgarcia@sttheoschool.org.

St. Theodore Catholic School

Daily Scripture Readings		
Mon: 3/29	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tues: 3/30	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: 3/31	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
4/1 HOLY THURSDAY	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	PS 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
4/2 GOOD FRIDAY	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-15
4/3 HOLY SATURDAY	Is 52:13—53:12	PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
EASTER VIGIL	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jn 18:1—19:42
4/4 EASTER SUNDAY	Gn 1:1—2:2	Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
	Gn 22:1-18	Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
	Ex 14:15—15:1	Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
	Is 54:5-14	Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
	Is 55:1-11	Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
	Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4	Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
	Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28	Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4
	Rom 6:3-11	Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Mark 16:1-7
	Col 3:1-4	PS118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
		Jn 20:1-9

Catholic Charities' #MercyInMotion Campaign

During Lent we focus on one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Give Alms to the Poor: 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for others have made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood'. This week, answer Christ's call to Give Alms to the Poor by

- Using Lectio Divina to pray with the Judgement of the Nations
- Fasting from any unnecessary spending this week;
- Giving to anti-poverty organizations such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Theodore's is seeking a Director of Faith Formation.

Please check future bulletins for position description and details. We are so grateful for the many years Kristy Minear has served our parish youth and families. We wish her all the best on this next adventure in her life and she will be greatly missed!

Minnesota Knights Foundation Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after the weekend Masses for \$5 or you can pick them up at the parish office. Please help support your local K/C chapter and the programs they finance.



KC Scholarships

Two, \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Any active KC or KC Auxiliary member or his/her immediate family member who is a HS Senior or older is eligible and must be enrolled at an accredited post-HS education.

TO SIGN UP:

- Pick up the application at the parish office, (or to get an application emailed to you call Russ Nemeck at 507-373-4165.)
- Application must be turned in by April 30, 2021.

The funds will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the 1st semester or quarter of school.

Did you know...

The State KC has a Student Loan Program with very reasonable rates. *Be sure to check this out to see if you qualify.*

To discover more reasons for joining, contact a local knight.

Come Celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy!

Calling all Catholics to come celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 11, 2021.


Adoration & Confessions 2-3:00 pm

Chaplet 3:00 pm

Did you know that the Lord said this feast would one day be the **"last hope of salvation"**?

What is so special about the Feast of Divine Mercy?

It is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on the Feast Day of Divine Mercy!



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