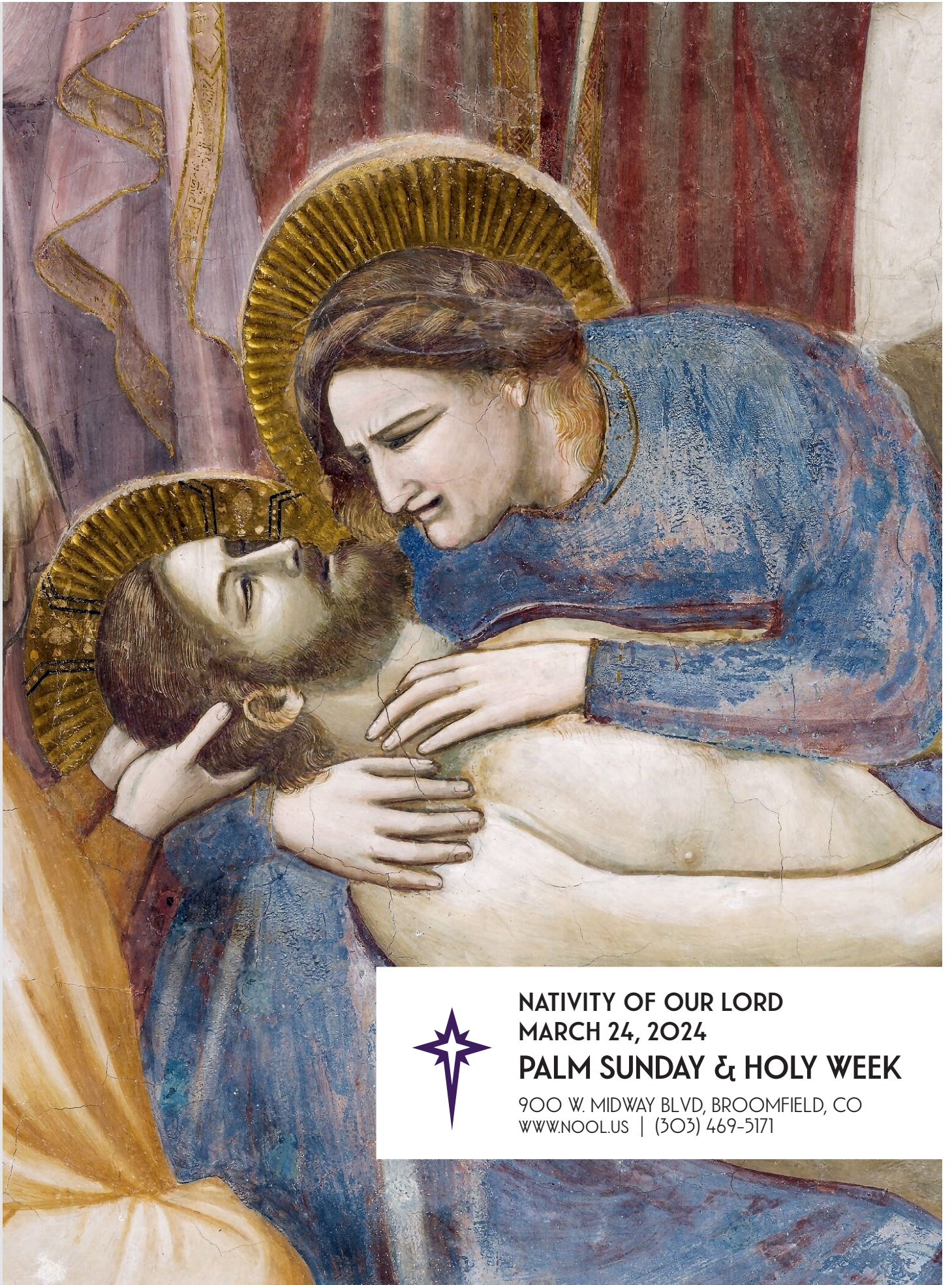


Giotto di Bondone, *Lamentation (The Mourning of Christ)*, fresco, 1304-1306, detail, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

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MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
School Mass: Wednesdays, 8:15 am

SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
11:30 am
5:00 pm

CONFESSION

THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am
3:00-4:30 pm

SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 am-5 pm

FRONT DESK:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 am-8 pm

SATURDAY: 8 am-3:30 pm

CLOSED:

**GOOD FRIDAY THROUGH
EASTER MONDAY**

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Marilyn Reichert

COLLECTION COUNTERS Mon, March 25 | 3:45 pm

Pat Greene
Tom Greene
Thomas Lambert
Denise Fritz

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

IN THE CHURCH:

THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm
SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:
5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*
Benediction: 5:55 pm

IN THE CHAPEL:

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OPEN FOR WALK-INS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 am-5:00 pm



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Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit with a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171 Ext 101.

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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE: PAGE 5

***OFFICE, FRONT DESK,
AND ADORATION CHAPEL
CLOSURE DURING HOLY
WEEK & EASTER***

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
THROUGH
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1**



SERVING AT EASTER TRIDUUM

We ask all our Altar Servers to please sign up for serving at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter liturgies. If you are not traveling with your family during the spring break, please consider signing up for more than one liturgy.

You should have already received a request to sign up via email. If you have not received an email or you are not currently signed up in Parishstaq, please contact Luke Hellwig at luhellwig@gmail.com to let him know when you are available to serve.

Training is mandatory. Please see the Easter Triduum schedule and training times at

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HOLY WEEK LET US GO UP TO JERUSALEM

By Fr. John Roderick, FSCB



Giotto di Bondone, *The Entry into Jerusalem*, fresco, ca. 1305, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy; US PD

As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to accompany Jesus as he makes his pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. This annual event commemorated both the liberation of God's Chosen People from slavery in Egypt when the Angel of Death "passed over" the Jewish houses that were marked by the blood of the lamb, and the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea when Moses led God's people out of Egypt and into the desert where they journeyed towards the promised land.

During Jesus' public ministry, he gradually revealed to his closest friends what was to take place during his final pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Jesus desired to prepare his disciples for his final destiny to truly share it with them.

Jesus was teaching his disciples and telling them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." (Mark 10:33-34)

Today, Jesus continues to invite each of us to journey with him spiritually through our Holy Week celebrations, where we actively remember the key events through which Jesus freed us from the bondage and slavery of sin and death and restored our relationship to the Father as his beloved sons and daughters.

For the friends and disciples of Jesus Christ, Holy Week is the celebration of the most important events in His life. In this reflection, I would like to offer a few comments on each of these five events as an invitation to participate in them with greater depth and awareness.

PALM SUNDAY. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26). As Jesus makes his triumphant entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem for the Jewish Passover, he will be welcomed by choruses of Jews singing a special prayer. It is taken from the thanksgiving liturgy for the victory procession of the king and his people into the temple. Jesus will be greeted as the long-expected King of the Jews. He will enter riding on a donkey and will be received with great enthusiasm and joy. The people will lay down their cloaks and palm branches as he passes by, all the

while singing, "Hosanna to the son of David!" and "Hosanna in the highest!". This moment marks the beginning of Holy Week.

A few short days later, these shouts of joy will change to the cry of anger, "Crucify him, crucify him!". The Jewish People had been waiting many generations for their king, and they were disillusioned. They expected an earthly ruler who would finally free them from Roman domination. They are blinded by their mundane expectations and fail to recognize the new and definitive Kingdom which God desires to establish through his Son and which is characterized by humility, service, and mercy.

HOLY THURSDAY. "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24). On this day the Institution of both the Eucharist and of the Ministerial Priesthood are commemorated. In the morning, it is custom for all the priests to gather with their bishop in the cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this liturgy, the oil of the sick and of the catechumens and chrism oil are blessed. In addition, the bishop along with all the priests renew their priestly promises to be totally consecrated to Christ that they gave on the day of their ordination. This is a beautiful moment of brotherhood in which all priests reaffirm their personal fidelity to Christ, who has chosen them to be his ministers in the world.

Later, we commemorate the Last Supper at which Jesus instituted the Mass which is the Memorial of his Passover. At the beginning of this meal Jesus will wash his apostles' feet (John 13). This gesture reveals the heart of Jesus' mission: Jesus humbles himself taking the place of a servant to wash away their uncleanness and to prepare them to participate in the Paschal supper. He instructs them to follow a New Commandment to love one another as he has loved them, laying down his life for them.

St. Paul offers one of the oldest accounts of what took place in the Upper Room: "The Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance

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of me'" (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). These words of institution clearly reveal Christ's will: under the species of the bread and wine, Jesus makes himself present in his Body given over and his Blood poured out.

Afterwards, Jesus will retire to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and will begin a period of great agony which will culminate in being handed over by Judas to the Roman authorities. During this night we are invited to respond to Jesus' invitation to "stay awake and keep watch" with him as he enters more deeply into his passion. It is tradition to stay with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night. There exists an ancient tradition that started in Rome by St. Philip Neri called the Seven Church Pilgrimage, which invites the faithful to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in seven nearby parishes, each one commemorating a particular moment of Christ's Passion. Last year, I made this pilgrimage with a few friends from the young adult group and from the parish.

GOOD FRIDAY. "They will look upon him whom they have pierced" (John 19:37). On Friday, we remember the events between Christ's condemnation and his Crucifixion. It is a day of fasting and penance, and everything we do should be oriented towards contemplating Christ on the Cross. In the morning, it is customary to participate in the Way of the Cross and at 3:00 pm in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The Way of the Cross is a beautiful way to follow Christ in his agony as he makes his way to Golgotha.

As we look upon Christ crucified, we are invited to reflect upon the terrible reality of sin. Jesus bore all the sins of the world in his body; he bore the weight and consequences of all our personal sins and that of the whole world. In a mysterious manner, Jesus had to experience the complete effects of sin, which are death and separation from God, to redeem all of humanity. St. Paul beautifully describes this mystery, "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him" (1 Corinthians 5:21).

HOLY SATURDAY. "He wrapped him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb" (Mark 15:46). This day is marked by great silence. Jesus descends to the realm of the dead to announce his victory over death



Christ Is Pulling Adam and Eve Mankind from the Underworld, fresco, Cora Church, Istanbul, US PD

and sin to all those who have died before his coming. There are many beautiful artistic depictions of Jesus going in search of and taking Adam and Eve by the hand and leading them upwards. It is a day of recollection and anticipation for the great Easter vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY. "He is not here, he has been raised" (Luke 24:6). Easter is the great feast of joy and light. Through Jesus' resurrection, God has irrupted into history and destroyed the power of death and sin. Through the sacrament of baptism, we have received a definitive participation in this victory. We are beloved children of the Light, children of Divine Mercy, children of the Resurrection.

The Easter vigil liturgy recalls salvation history and celebrates with much joy Jesus' resurrection. At the beginning of the liturgy, we are invited to process into the Church after the blessing of the fire and the new Paschal candle. The priest will sing *Lumen Christi* (The Light of Christ) and we will respond *Deo gratias* (Thanks be to God). It is a sign of the definitive victory of light over darkness, of life over death, of mercy over hate. We will have all our candles lit from the light of the Paschal candle, which represents Christ's desire to share the victory of light over darkness with all his friends. We will hear the singing of the *Gloria* and Easter *Alleluia*, and the ringing of bells, all of which have been silent since Ash Wednesday. The liturgy

of the Word will offer nine readings to help us relive the great story of salvation.

Afterwards, we will celebrate the baptismal liturgy and welcome the catechumens into the Church. As part of the rite of baptism we will entrust all the new Christians to the great family of God through the praying of the litany of the saints. We are invited to look to the lives of the saints to learn what it means to follow Christ with all of one's heart. They are a continuous reminder, as well, of God's faithfulness to the Church and to each of His beloved sons and daughters throughout the centuries. The whole congregation is then invited to renew their baptismal promises. This is a beautiful reminder of the gift of eternal life which God bestowed on us. The Mass on Sunday morning will focus more on the events of Jesus' resurrection and the delight of encountering the Risen Lord.

As we gather to begin Holy Week, let us fervently ask the Lord for the grace to respond to the Church's invitation to let our hearts and lives be profoundly marked by these great mysteries. I would like to personally invite you to take a little more time for prayer and limit the noise and distractions that often dominate our days and free time. Consider making a thorough examination of conscience and receiving the sacrament of confession. May God bless you during this grace-filled week.

Fr. John Roderick, FSCB

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

MASS TIMES:

4:30 PM (Anticipatory on Saturday, March 23)

7:30 AM

9:30 AM MASS WITH PROCESSION
(LIVE-STREAMED)

Gather in front of the Midway Boulevard church
entrance at 9:15 AM.

11:30 AM

5:00 PM

CONFESSION: 30 minutes before Mass

MARCH 28 | HOLY THURSDAY

8:00-9:30 AM | Confession

9:30 AM | Morning Prayer (Lauds)

7:00 PM

**THE MASS OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER** (LIVE-STREAMED)

8:15 PM-7:00 AM

SILENT ADORATION THROUGH THE NIGHT

10:00 PM | Night Prayer (Compline)

MARCH 29 | GOOD FRIDAY

8:00-9:30 AM | Confession

9:30 AM | Morning Prayer (Lauds)

12:00 PM | Way of the Cross (Outdoor)

The Way of the Cross will begin at Brunner Farmhouse
and conclude in the church. Transportation will be
available at Nativity starting at **11:15 am**.

12:00 PM | Stations of the Cross in Church

3:00 PM

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
PASSION** (LIVE-STREAMED)

MARCH 30 | HOLY SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 AM | Confession

9:30 AM | Morning Prayer (Lauds)

3:00 PM-6:00 PM | Confession

8:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS (LIVE-STREAMED)

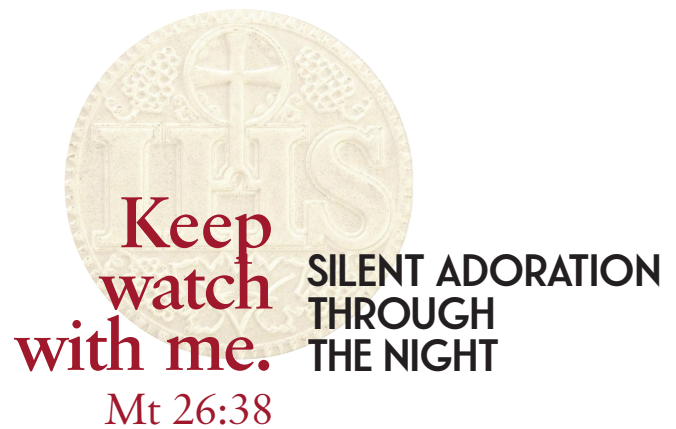
MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES:

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (LIVE-STREAMED)

11:30 AM

*NO 5:00 PM MASS AND NO CONFESSIONS ON
EASTER SUNDAY*



HOLY THURSDAY | 8:15 PM

THROUGH

GOOD FRIDAY | 7:00 AM

All parishioners are invited to an hour of nocturnal adoration
from the evening of Holy Thursday into Good Friday.

SIGN-UP INFORMATION

ONLINE:

– Find the sign-up link on top of the parish
website,

www.nool.us

– Go directly to

nativity.weadorehim.com/?week=2024-03-24

– Scan the QR code



AT THE PARISH FRONT DESK:

– Call 303-469-5171 during the week.

– Stop at the front desk during the week.

– Put your name, email address, and a cell phone number down
in the Sign-up Book left for the parishioners at the front desk
over the weekend.

QUESTIONS?

Please email adoration@nool.us.



Giotto di Bondone, *The Arrest of Christ (Kiss of Judas)*,
fresco, ca. 1305, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy; US PD

PARISH CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary
10:00 am | *Missa de Angelis* Workshop

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

MONDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 am | School of Community (CL)*
11:00 am | ENDOW
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group
7:30 pm | St. Joseph Men's Group
7:45 pm | CL* Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 am | CGS Level 1
1:00 pm | Adult Bible Study: *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*
4:00 pm | CGS Level 1 Session 2
4:00 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study
6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star (Middle School Youth Group)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group
8:15 am | ENDOW
4:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766
6:30 pm | Healing from Divorce Workshop
7:30 pm | University Students (CLU)*
School of Community

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

4:30 pm | CGS Special Needs

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus
9:00 am | ENDOW
10:00 am | School of Community (CL)*

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
1:00 pm | CL* Easter Gathering
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

*(CL) Communion & Liberation

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 am Maureen Turner by Jane Gardner
4:30 pm † Richard Backes by Bob & Jean Gryzmala

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 am † David Arling by Jackie Schuster
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Mary Baylie by Marianne Arling & Family
5:00 pm Cara Wright by Melinda & Scott Tewksbury

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 am † Lupe Garcia-Monroy by Mari Welch
9:30 am † Paul Rask by Maria Rask

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 am Michael Schuster by Arling Family
9:30 am † Laszlo Szabo by Roberta Hebert

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 am † Richard Backes by Grau Family
9:30 am Ada & Jim Dickinson by Chuck & Bobbi Craig

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

No morning Masses
7:00 pm Priestly Fraternity of St. Charles

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

No Masses
3:00 pm | Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

No morning Mass
8:00 pm Newly Baptized

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 am John Battista by Battista Family
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Deacon David Arling by Joe & Barbara Feiccabrino

No 5:00 pm Mass

JOB OPENING AT NATIVITY

Nativity is currently seeking to hire a full-time Front Office Administrator. Primary duties and responsibilities include:

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- Administering facility usage database
- Administering weekly Mass intention requests and database
- Processing bookstore sales
- Initial point of contact
- Monitoring and ordering items for coffee bar and general admin supplies

Please scan the QR code to view the full job description and application process. ▶



DAILY READINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Reading 1: Ez 37:21-28
Psalm: Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Gospel: Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
At the Procession with Palms Gospel: Mk 11:1-10
OR: Jn 12:12-16
Reading 1: Is 50:4-7
Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Reading 2: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47
OR: Mk 15:1-39

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Reading 1: Is 42:1-7
Psalm: 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
Gospel: Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Reading 1: Is 49:1-6
Psalm: 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
Gospel: Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Reading 1: Is 50:4-9a
Psalm: 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34
Gospel: Mt 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Reading 1: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
Reading 2: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Reading 1: Is 52:13-53:12
Psalm: 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Reading 2: Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Reading 1: Gn 1:1-2:2
OR: Gn 1:1, 26-31a
Psalm: 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
OR: 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22
Reading 2: Gn 22:1-18
OR: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Reading 3: Ex 14:15-15:1
Psalm: Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Reading 4: Is 54:5-14
Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Reading 5: Is 55:1-11
Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Reading 6: Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Reading 7: Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalm: 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4
Epistle: Rom 6:3-11
Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

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WHY BELONG TO A FAITH COMMUNITY?

The "community of the Christian faithful" is what is at the heart of what a parish is. A parish is more than just a place we go to Mass, attend events, receive sacraments, or give our children Catholic education. Pope Francis says, "Our identity is one of belonging. To say 'I am Christian' means to say: 'I belong to the Church. I belong to this People with whom God established an ancient alliance that is always faithful.'"

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— St. John Paul II
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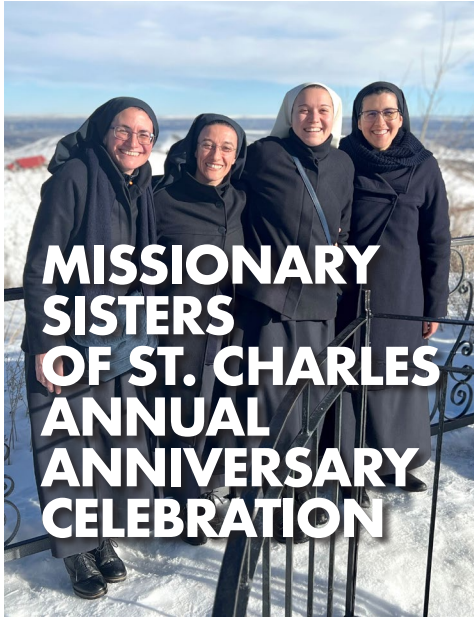
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MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. CHARLES ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
6:30–8:30 PM
NATIVITY CABRINI HALL**



MISSIONARY SISTERS of ST. CHARLES

Missionary Sisters of St. Charles will have their annual anniversary celebration on April 6. All parishioners are invited to join them for a joyful evening.

Light refreshments and desserts will be served. Please sign up at the front desk, or call 303-469-5171 so the sisters know how much food to prepare. There is no cost.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Charles were born from the desire of several young women to share the ideals of the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo. The mission of the Sisters is to bear witness to the beauty, truth, and freedom they experience in their encounter with Christ and familiarity with Him. They are available for all tasks and professions that can serve this purpose and where their presence is required. One of the aspects of Sisters' life is being called to establish new places where they can live the relationship with God—and from this experience—be open to dialogue with the whole world.



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2024 DATES:

JUNE 1, 22, 29
JULY 6, 13, 20, 27
10 AM–12 PM

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
HOLY HOUR
APRIL 7 | 2:00–3:30 PM**

2:00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:30–3:30 pm | Reconciliation

2:30 | Reflection by Fr. John

3:00 | Chaplet and Litany of Divine Mercy

3:30 | Benediction

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There is a touching moment in the TV mini-series, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Nicodemus, the Pharisee, who is played by the renowned actor Sir Lawrence Olivier, is looking from a distance at the crucifixion of Jesus on Calvary. Nicodemus seems to have an awakening. Slowly, with much emotion, he recalls the verses of the Suffering Servant, in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, concerning the lamb who was brought to slaughter without opening his mouth.

“Surely, he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was abused for our iniquities. And through his wounds we are healed...” Nicodemus then recalls a previous conversation he had with Jesus when Nicodemus came to him at night. Nicodemus adds what Jesus had told him. After the phrase from Isaiah “we are healed,” Nicodemus with a very long pause, reflectively adds, “and [we

are] born again.” Nicodemus, finally, understands what Jesus was teaching him about needing to be “born of the Spirit” (John 3:3-6).

At St. Vincent de Paul, we wish you and your family and friends many blessings during this most holy week.

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AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S LOVING MERCY:

ACT OF CONTRITION

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE COURSE ON THE INTERNAL FORUM PROMOTED BY THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 8, 2024

EXCERPTS

In the context of Lent and, in particular, in the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee, I would like to propose that you reflect together on a simple and rich prayer, which belongs to the heritage of the holy faithful People of God, and which we will recite during the rite of Reconciliation: the Act of Contrition.

Despite the somewhat old-fashioned language, which may even be misunderstood in some of its expressions, this prayer preserves all its validity, both pastoral and theological. Besides, its author is the great Saint Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori, master of moral theology, a pastor close to the people and a man of great equilibrium, distant from both rigorism and laxism.

I will dwell on three attitudes expressed in the Act of Contrition, which I think can help us reflect on our relationship with God's mercy: **repentance before God, trust in him and the resolve not to relapse.**

REPENTANCE. It is neither the fruit of self-analysis, nor of a psychic sense of guilt, but arises entirely from an awareness of our wretchedness in the face of God's infinite love and his boundless mercy. Indeed, it is this experience that moves our soul to ask him for forgiveness, confident in his fatherliness, as the prayer recites: "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee," and later adds, "because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good." In reality, in the person, the sense of sin is proportional precisely to the perception of God's infinite love: **the more we feel his tenderness, the more we desire to be in full communion with him and the more the ugliness of evil in our life becomes apparent to us.** And it is precisely this awareness, described as "repentance" or "contrition," that prompts us to reflect on ourselves and our deeds, and to convert. Let us remember that God never tires of forgiving us, and on our part, let us never tire of asking for forgiveness!

TRUST. In the Act of Contrition, God is described as "all good and deserving of all my love." It is beautiful to hear, on the lips of a penitent, the acknowledgment of both God's infinite goodness and his primacy, in one's own life, of love for him. To love "above all else" indeed means to place God at the centre of everything, as the light on the path and the foundation for every order of values, entrusting everything to him. And this is a primacy that inspires every other love: for humanity and for creation, because he who loves God, loves his brother (1 Jn 4:19-21), and seeks his well-being, always, in justice and in peace.

RESOLVE. It expresses the will of the penitent not to relapse into the sin committed (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1451), and enables the important passage from attrition to contrition, from imperfect to perfect suffering (cf. *ivi.*, 1452-1453). We manifest this attitude by saying, "I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more." These words express an intention, not a promise. Indeed, none of us can

promise to God to sin no more, and what is required to receive forgiveness is not a guarantee of impeccability, but a current resolve, made with a righteous intention at the moment of confession. **Moreover, it is a commitment we always make with humility,** as the words "with the help of Thy grace" emphasize. Saint John Mary Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, used to repeat that "God forgives us even though he knows we will sin again." [...]

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the prayer's beautiful conclusion: "My God, have mercy." Here, the words "God" and "mercy" are like synonyms, and this is decisive! **God is mercy (cf. 1 Jn 4:8), mercy is his name, his face.** It is good for us to remember this, always: in every act of mercy, in every act of love, the face of God appears.

[To priests] Dear friends, the task entrusted to you in the confessional is beautiful and crucial, because it enables you to help so many brothers and sisters **to experience the sweetness of God's love.** I encourage you, therefore, to live every confession as a unique and unrepeatable moment of grace, and to give the Lord's forgiveness generously, with affability, fatherliness and, I dare say, even with maternal tenderness.

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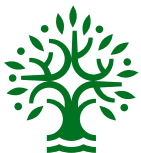
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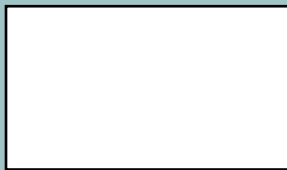
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