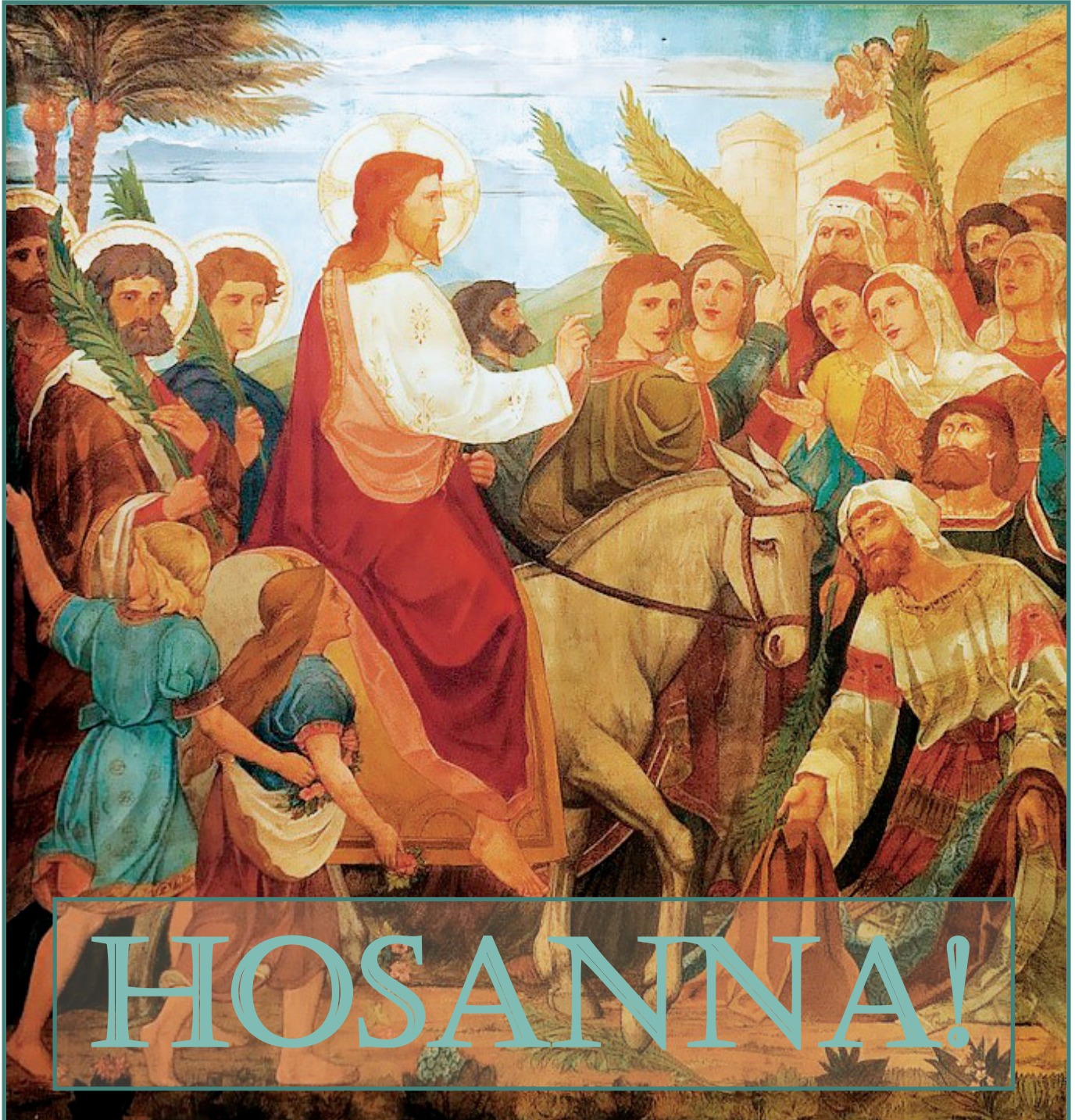




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



HOSANNA!

News from S.I.T. (Seminarian in Training)



Would you rather go for a Donkey or a Horse?

On Palm Sunday, we begin our celebration of Holy Week, the final week in the life of our Lord. Holy Week begins Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and culminates with his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian Year as we are called to holiness, just as the name points

out. It reminds us of Jesus' call to perfection in Matthew 5:48: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect". The call to holiness is a call to follow Jesus closely. This involves following his example of choosing a donkey instead of a horse.

By entering Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies such as that from Zechariah 9:9, which speaks of the Messiah coming humbly on a donkey. Moreover, he makes a powerful but silent reply to the hopes of many people waving branches and welcoming him with royal acclamation. For parents, the favorite moment of the day typically is or was coming home from work and having your kids run to greet you. This is exactly how the people in Jerusalem greeted Jesus, and how we should greet him too. Just like the enthusiastic crowd, we should welcome Jesus in our hearts with shouts of praise and adoration. This is the contagious nature of genuine worship and the importance of celebrating Jesus as our King, even in uncertainty and challenges.

Jesus rode on a donkey to underscore his humility, choosing a simple donkey rather than a majestic horse, which was customary for kings and conquerors. True greatness often comes from humility and service rather than power and prestige. Did Jesus deserve a horse? Yes, he did. But a servant chooses a donkey – the way of the cross – instead of the horse of a conqueror. The donkey – Jesus's donkey, always offers our hearts the chance to say, "How can I choose love over pride? How can I use my gifts to serve others? How can I share my blessings with the world?". The metaphor of the donkey answers the question, "who is this Jesus?" He is the one who dies so others can live. The horse – the King's horse, always tempts our hearts to say, "I did better than the rest of my friends. I'm smarter, and I have more natural gifts, God favored me!" Humble yourself and go find a donkey!

Topher Otieno
Seminarian



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25 - Monday of Holy Week

8:00 am † Robert Mace, by Margaret & Steve Dodd
6:30 pm **No Spanish Mass**

Tuesday, March 26 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 am † Christine Holbrook, by Family
6:30 pm Int Bonny Abraham, by Family
7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, March 27 - Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00 pm † Ivo Ghilani, by Ida Phillips
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday

8:00 am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Mass of the Lords Supper
8:00 pm Adoration in the MPR until midnight

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

8:00 am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
4:00 pm **No Mass**
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Paulus Chua Hankim, by Family
10:00 am † Bob Humanski, by Toni Humanski
(Church) **(Live Streamed)**
10:00 am Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy
(MPR)
12:00 pm † Theresa & Jack Wright, by Family
(Church)
12:00 pm † Fr. Hugh Fullmer, by The Vavra Family
(MPR)
5:30 pm **No Mass**

During Holy Week silent adoration will take place in the Adoration Chapel Monday through Wednesday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm and Holy Thursday 8:30 am to 7:00 pm. No Adoration on Good Friday.



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions.

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| 1. Roberto Melendez | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Lord, Be With The Sick | 10. Matthew C. |
| 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Good Health for D.R. | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Special Intention-T.Z. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. My Health (Louise) |
| 7. Tim O'Reilly | 15. Blessings for All |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

March 30 & 31

Celebrant will preach at each Mass.

Saturday	8:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
Sunday	8:00 am	TBD
	10:00 am Church	Fr. Michael Kearney
	10:00 am MPR	Fr. Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm Church	Fr. Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm MPR	Fr. Michael Kearney
	5:30 pm	No Mass

We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Michael Butler
Alfredo Chavez
Baby Riley Chick
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Mary Dunbar
Bridget Garry
Patricia Gebhardt
Jim Gray
Kelly Greenheck
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Bob Jones
Helen Joseph
Baby Penelope Keene
Nina Keehn
Keith Kuchinski
Michelle Maeirs

Kristen Manning
Susan Massett
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse
La Moua
Don O'Reilly
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Valerie Plesha
Jim & Carol Pluskota
Jackie Schiable
Julia Schremp
Christopher Shea
Diane Singer
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Rev. Gerald Tivy
Bernice Tokarski
Jason Toledo
Kathy Walowski
Judy Wiltgen

*The Parish Offices
will be closed on
Good Friday,
March 29th and
Easter Monday,
April 1st.*

*Have a blessed
Easter!*

Noticias del S.I.T. (Seminarista en formación)



¿Preferirías optar por un Burro o un Caballo?

El Domingo de Ramos comenzamos nuestra celebración de la Semana Santa, la última semana en la vida de nuestro Señor. La Semana Santa comienza con la entrada triunfal de Jesús a Jerusalén y culmina con su gloriosa resurrección el Domingo de Pascua. La Semana Santa es el tiempo más sagrado del Año Cristiano ya que estamos llamados a la santidad, tal como su nombre lo indica. Nos recuerda el llamado de Jesús a la perfección en

Mateo 5:48: "Sean perfectos como su Padre celestial es perfecto". El llamado a la santidad es un llamado a seguir de cerca a Jesús. Se trata de seguir su ejemplo de elegir un burro en lugar de un caballo.

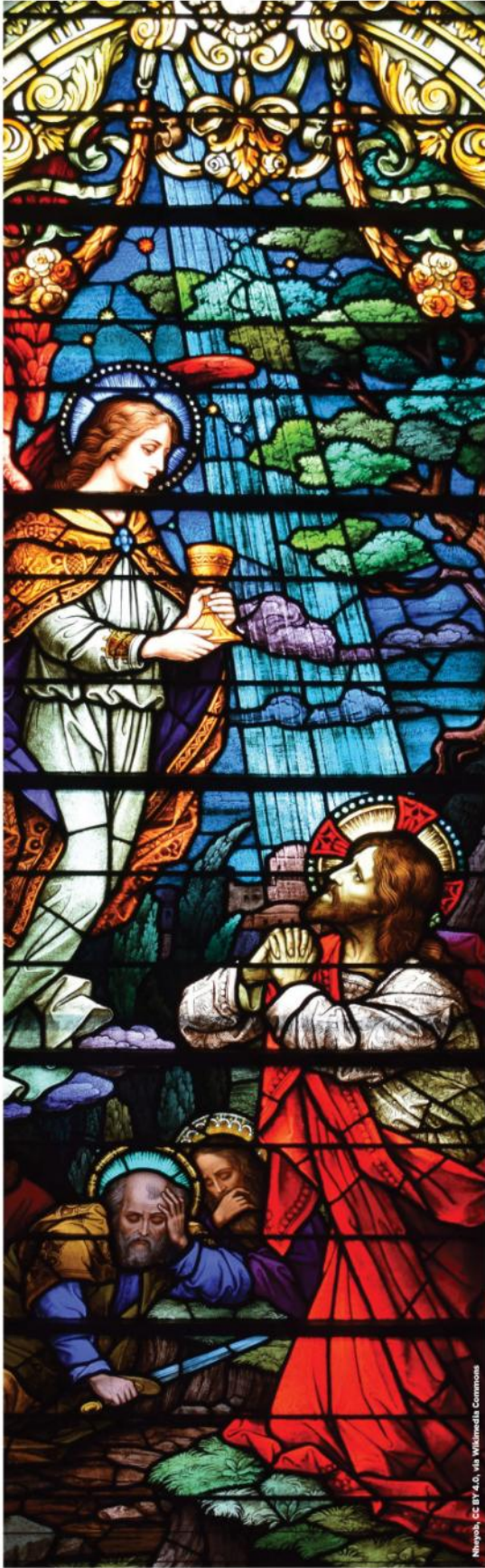
Al entrar en Jerusalén montado en un burro, Jesús cumple las profecías del Antiguo Testamento como la de Zacarías 9:9, que habla de que el Mesías vendrá humildemente montado en un burro. Además, da una respuesta poderosa pero silenciosa a las esperanzas de mucha gente agitando ramas y dándole la bienvenida con aclamación real. Para los padres, el momento favorito del día suele ser o era volver a casa del trabajo y que sus hijos corran a saludarlos. Así es exactamente como saludaron a Jesús los habitantes de Jerusalén, y así es como debemos saludarlo nosotros también. Al igual que la multitud entusiasta, debemos acoger a Jesús en nuestro corazón con gritos de alabanza y adoración. Ésta es la naturaleza contagiosa de la adoración genuina y la importancia de celebrar a Jesús como nuestro Rey, incluso en tiempos de incertidumbre y desafíos.

Jesús montó en un burro para subrayar su humildad, eligiendo un simple burro en lugar de un caballo majestuoso, como era costumbre entre los reyes y conquistadores. La verdadera grandeza a menudo proviene de la humildad y el servicio más que del poder y el prestigio. ¿Jesús merecía un caballo? Sí, lo hizo. Pero un sirviente elige un burro – el camino de la cruz– en lugar del caballo de un conquistador. El burro - el burro de Jesús- siempre ofrece a nuestros corazones la oportunidad de decir: "¿Cómo puedo elegir el amor sobre el orgullo? ¿Cómo puedo usar mis dones para servir a los demás? ¿Cómo puedo compartir mis bendiciones con el mundo?". La metáfora del burro responde a la pregunta: "¿quién es este Jesús?" Él es quien muere para que otros puedan vivir. El caballo - el caballo del Rey - siempre tienta nuestros corazones a decir: "Lo hice mejor que el resto de mis amigos. Soy más inteligente y tengo más dones naturales, ¡Dios me favoreció!" ¡Humíllate y ve a buscar un burro!

Topher Otieno
Seminarista

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Mc 11, 1-10 o Jn 12, 12-16; Is 50m 4-7; Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24; Flp 2, 6-11; Mc 14, 1—15, 47 o Mc 15, 1-39
Lunes	Is 42, 1-7; Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14; Jn 12, 1-11
Martes	Is 49, 1-6; Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab. 15 y 17; Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38
Miércoles	Is 50, 4-9; Sal 68, 8-10. 21bcd-22. 31 y 33-34; Mt 26, 14-25
Jueves	Is 61, 1-3a. 6a. 8b-9; Sal 88, 21-22. 25 y 27; Apoc 1, 5-8; Lc 4, 16-21 <i>Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor</i> : Éx 12, 1-8. 11-14; Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18; 1 Cor 11, 23-26; Jn 13, 1-15
Viernes	Is 52, 13—53, 12; Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 y 25; Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9; Jn 18, 1—19, 42
Sábado	Gn1, 1—2, 2 o Gn 1, 1. 26-31a; Sal 103, 1-2a. 5-6. 10 y 12. 13-14. 24 y 35c o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20 y 22; Gn 22, 1-18 o Gn 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18; Sal 15, 5 y 8. 9-10. 11; Ex 14, 15—15, 1; Éx 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18; Is 54, 5-14; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11 y 12a y 13b; Is 55, 1-11; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Bar 3, 9-15. 32—4, 4; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Ez 36, 16-17a. 18-28; Sal 41, 3. 5bcd; Sal 42, 3-4 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 o Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19; Rom 6, 3-11; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Mc 16, 1-7
Domingo	Hch 10, 34a. 37-43; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6b-8; Jn 20, 1-9



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mk 14:1-15:47

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"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." This sentence from our first reading is taken from one of the four "Songs of the Suffering Servant" in Isaiah. The New Testament identifies this Servant as Jesus, and we know that Jesus accepted the suffering that was foretold in the verses that follow this one: "I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not hide from insults and spitting." As aspiring servants of God on this Palm Sunday, the most holy of days when we hear Mark's account of Jesus' passion, how does this sentence speak to us? What does it mean to have a well-trained tongue? To me it is a call to speak to the Lord in prayer as well as to speak the Good News of the Gospel whenever and wherever we can.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we gain the confidence to believe that our tongue is "well-trained"? We know we are all given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we must trust in that promise and invoke his presence often. Who knows? A kind word or gesture from us may just "speak" to a weary person who is struggling. Paul writes that in his passion, Jesus "emptied himself" in the hours before his death and "[became] obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Paul's next words give us the answer to our question above: "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 ... and *every tongue confess* [emphasis added] that Jesus Christ is Lord." The fullness of the kingdom will be realized only when Jesus comes again. But in the meantime, we have the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper to sustain us and give us strength for our task to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and spread the kingdom of God one day at a time.

PRAY "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." These words from today's passion narrative demonstrate Jesus' complete, obedient surrender of his will to his Father's divine will. As flawed human beings, we will never be able to perfectly emulate our Savior's actions, but what better way to begin Holy Week than to try? Through prayer, strive to surrender yourself to God this week by trusting him completely, and striving to do his will with humility and Christ-like obedience.

The Lily

According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden. The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame and has humbly remained so ever since.

To dedicate one of the Easter flowers which will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please go to our website at www.olmercy.com and click on "Give" to log into Online Giving and select "Flowers". If you wish to memorialize your loved ones, add their names in the Comments section.



Flowers can also be dedicated using one of the flower envelopes available in the Narthex.

The recommended donation is \$20 per intention. Requests must be received by Monday, April 1st to appear in the bulletin.



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"Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".
Matthew 25:40

Our next PADS service day is on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. We will not be displaying the PADS Board with the "wishlist" of items for April, because the weekend preceding the service day is the Easter weekend, and not conducive to schedule items drop-off before Masses. Instead, we kindly ask for monetary donations, to help us purchase the items needed to prepare the service day meal for Hessed House.

Monetary donations can be made via the OLM Online Giving Portal (please specify donation is for Hessed House), or make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church, and write on the memo "Hessed House-PADS".

Thank you for being a blessing to our brothers & sisters in need.



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FRIDAYS @ 6:30PM
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Good Friday "Way of the Cross" at Planned Parenthood Aurora

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, March 29 at 10:00 am

Where: Planned Parenthood, 3051 E New York Street Aurora

More Info: Contact Matt Yonke at 630-896-1200 or matt@proliferaction.org

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2024

SUPER BOWL SURPRISE



ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't

wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel ([hallow.com/youtube](https://www.hallow.com/youtube)).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



Divine Mercy Feast Day Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m.



In honor of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7, Our Lady of Mercy will hold a beautiful celebratory service in the Church starting at 2 p.m. Our service will include a group recitation in song of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a devotional prayer that Jesus revealed among His numerous apparitions to Saint Maria Faustina. Jesus also made what is famously known among the faithful as His 'Extraordinary Promise':

"On that (Feast) Day, the depths of My mercy will be open to all The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

Our OLM observance of the Divine Mercy Feast Day will include the following:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration starting at 2 p.m.
- Period of Silent Meditation and Prayer
- Placing Divine Mercy Images at the steps of the altar for blessing (images should be placed at the altar steps before 1:45 p.m.)
- Taking of Personal Intentions for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Recitation of the Chaplet in song at 3 p.m. (the Hour of Death)
- Blessing of participants' Divine Mercy Images at the altar
- Benediction, closing prayers to Jesus and Mary

A program and assorted pamphlets featuring the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, as well as other resources, will be available, but participants should be sure to bring their Rosary!

***Also, on Good Friday morning (March 29th),** immediately after an 8 a.m. prayer service in the Church, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. It's a great way to start your Good Friday observance and your Divine Mercy Novena, which should include your recitation of the Chaplet and a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy.

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Walking Through Grief

A 6-WEEK JOURNEY

Experiencing the loss of a loved one is a difficult journey. Our Lady of Mercy is offering a supportive place for participants ages 18 and older to walk through grief together in a faith community to find hope and healing.

Mondays from 7-8:30pm
April 8, 15, 22 & 29, May 6 & 13
Parish Life Center, Room 217

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
PLEASE COMMIT TO ALL SIX SESSIONS

REGISTER WITH JOLENE LEROY AT 331-707-5380

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29
AT 3PM
IN THE CHURCH

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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,102,689
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,085,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	17,689
03/10/24 Sunday Collection	\$	33,450
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	2,450

For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.



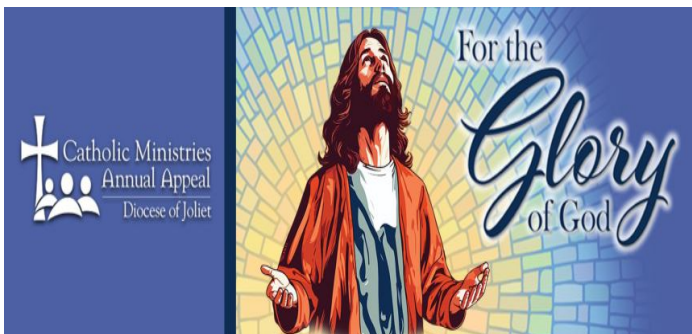
Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday March 29, 2024

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$140,500 and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the Narthex, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) 6:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday 12:00pm

Thursday 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

Confessions

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm

1st Friday of the Month 8:30-9:15am

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:30-8:20pm

Or by Appointment

Prayer Chapel

Open weekdays 7:00am-8:00pm

Adoration

Monday & Thursday 8:30am-6:00pm

Wednesdays 8:00am-12:00pm

1st Friday of the Month 12:00pm

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:00-8:30pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. Contact Lydia Schmitt at 331-707-5377.

Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Theresa Simeo at 331-707-5374.

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