



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (C)

Lk 19:28–40

Is 50:4–7, Phil 2:6–11

Lk 22:14–23:56 or Lk 23:1–49

Our Call to Face Down Evil

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

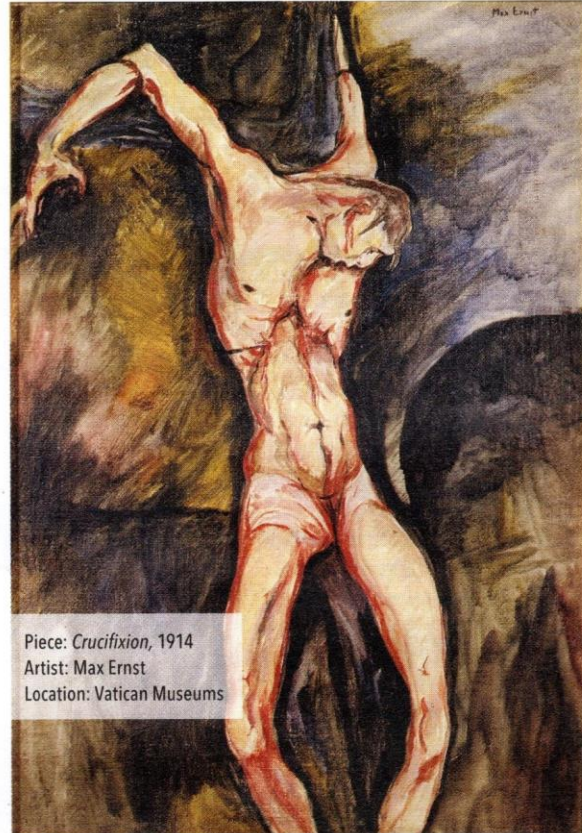
Max Ernst shows the crucifixion in cosmic, timeless dimension by placing the crucified Christ in a dark, tumultuous, and formless setting. The sinister colors of blue, brown, yellow, and black seem to hide a face or perhaps a masked and darkened eye on the right that peers through the evil canvas.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to have a commonality that betrays a will or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force.

The same was true for Christ's crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the *non serviam*.

The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Jesus to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1914
Artist: Max Ernst
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

What extra time will you take to be with your Lord who suffers for you?

How can you show your love to him in a special way this week?

*They crucified him and the criminals there....Then Jesus said,
"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."*

Luke 23:33–34

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call church for appointment

Marriage: 5-6 Months preparations are required.
Call for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by
appointment.

MASSES THIS WEEK

04/16 **Tues:** 12 p.m. Mass

04/17 **Wed:** 12 p.m. Mass

04/18 **Thurs** 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

04/19 **Fri:** 3 p.m. Stations, 7 p.m. Passion

04/20 **Sat:** 8 p.m. Easter Vigil

04/21 **Sun:** 9 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass; 12:30
p.m. Mass at St John Neumann

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

"I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall
not be put to shame."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did
not regard equality with God something to be
grasped."

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:54

"THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE."

SATURDAY, April 20

Lector - Christine Grangaard/Clinton Paul

E.M. - Mary Williamson/Lee Corrigan

SUNDAY, April 21

Lector - Sharon Erchinger

E.M. - Mira Banic

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last week, the people
of Sacred Heart shared \$1,901 with the parish.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - The men's
prayer breakfast will continue on Wednesdays, at 7
a.m. in the Parish Hall.

2019 Archbishop's Golf Tournament

Save the Date!!! Reserve your spot today to play in
the 2019 Archbishop's Golf

Tournament on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Settlers
Bay Golf Course in Wasilla, AK.

Register yourself or a team of four at

www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/archbishops-golf-tournament.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT:

"The Archdiocese has prepared an opportunity for
everyone to submit their comments, questions
and/or suggestions relating to the Abuse reports in
the Catholic Church and the Church's Response
About Abuse of Vulnerable Persons on the
Archdiocese of Anchorage Website."

"The Catholic Church values the dignity of its
members. The horrors of child abuse continue to
haunt the Church and its victims. In order to deal
with this crisis in a responsible, accountable, and
transparent manner, the Archbishop is working to
address the concerns of victims, parishioners, and
the broader community.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage values everyone's
thoughts regarding the abuse against the vulnerable
of our Church and the Church's response. We want
to make available an opportunity for everyone to
express their thoughts, please submit any questions
or comments and offer recommendations by using
the following online form.

All submissions can be anonymous if preferred.

When possible, answers to questions submitted will

be posted publicly through the Archdiocese of Anchorage website and/or the Catholic Anchor. Comments and Suggestions will be shared with Archbishop Etienne and his staff and at his discretion, may be published.

The identity of those submitting concerns, questions or comments and recommendations will not be made public.

Please note that it is the policy of the Archdiocese of Anchorage to report all allegations of abuse or endangerment of a minor or vulnerable adult or child pornography.

Saint Francis House Food is in need of canned fruits and vegetables and large diapers. The pantry is running low on canned fruits and vegetables and would be happy with any and all that you're able to give that are not past their expiration date. The pantry is also in dire need of size 3, 4, and 5 diapers. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry, 3710 E. 20th Ave. 99508.

ST. PAUL'S CORNER - Looking for Catholic books, gifts, and items of faith? Come see what's new at St. Paul's Corner at the Holy Family Cathedral. Hours of service:

- Sundays: 8:30AM to 5:30PM
- Closed Mondays
- Tuesdays and
Wednesdays: 11:00AM-2:00PM
- Closed Thursdays
- Fridays: 11:00AM-2:00PM
- Saturdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- If you have questions, please
call [907-646-3070](tel:907-646-3070)

Project Rachel to Begin New Support Group - Suffering, sad, or confused because of an abortion - you or a family member? Whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported Project Rachel healing group. It is free and confidential. For further information or to participate phone our confidential phone line: 297-7781 or Toll Free (outside the Anchorage area).

RAIS is in need of warm winter blankets, kitchen tables, and chairs. Please drop off donations at 3710 E. 20th Avenue.

MISSION DONATION ADDRESSES

Magadan Missions

C/o Russian Desk
Archdiocese of Anchorage
225 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Friends of Sarnelli House UA
P.O. Box 88234
Milwaukee, WI 53288
E-mail: sheamick@gmail.com

REGISTRATION - In order to provide needed data for the Archdiocese, to provide sacramental service for our parishioners and so that we may give special recommendations for ministries, programs and sponsors, it is necessary for all parishioners to be registered in the parish. Forms are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. All information provided is kept confidential.

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 15

Holy Weekday

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

APRIL 16

Holy Weekday

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

APRIL 17

Holy Weekday

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 18

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 19

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

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

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 20

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

or Gn 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18

or Gn 22:1-2, 9a,

10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

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

Ex 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:5-11

Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

APRIL 21

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9

Dear Padre,

I was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- **When I think about death now, I get scared. The crucifixion and death of Jesus, surrounded by dark skies, earthquakes, and opening tombs, adds to my fright. Any words of encouragement?**

Transitions in life are always a bit frightening, and the transition of our dying and rising can be the scariest of them all. When we were tiny infants in our mother's womb, we transitioned into life. We were not conscious of what we were doing, and so we were not scared. We were in God's hands. And God, who creates all life, brought us to be born and live.

The same challenge faces you now as when you were in the womb. Even though you are conscious of your sickness and your possible death, you are still asked to leave it all in the hands of God. God, who brought you to life, will travel with you through your dying and into the kingdom. Jesus certainly showed us how to do this with his prayer during his crucifixion: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

People who have had near-death experiences do not talk about how scary and frightening it was. In fact, they speak about how peaceful and full of light the journey was for them. Most hated the idea of "returning" to their sick bodies. This same journey of peace and light, and the sense of God's close presence to you, can be yours in your last moments here.

Trust in God. Commend your spirit to God's care. God loves you! God will keep you safe and lead you home!

Fr. Paul J. Coury, C.SsR
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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

—Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017