

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**APRIL 5, 2020**

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Take part in Veneration, Way of the Cross, repent of sins.  
Prepare for the joy of being raised up with Christ, to be his witness.

*Colossians 3:1-4*

How are you setting your heart on heaven?  
Come to Holy Thursday Eucharist to receive “new leaven.”

*John 20:1-9*

Imagine yourself as Magdalene at the tomb; what do you feel?  
Imagine yourself as Peter and John; do you believe he is risen?

## **WEEKDAY MASSES April 7 - 10**

**“Our priests are offering two Masses a day for our intentions.”**

Tues: +Mary Spaeth  
+Edward Carignan  
Wed: +Emil & Rose Lorenz  
+Maury Kappes  
Thurs: +Peter & Neva Bachman & DC McKenzie – **Holy Thursday Mass**  
+David Fetsch – **Holy Thursday Mass**  
Fri: **Good Friday Liturgy**

## **WEEKEND MASSES April 11 - 12**

**Sat: St. Alphonsus +Alcid & Georgiana Chaput – Easter Vigil**

St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes – **Easter Vigil**

**Sun: St. Alphonsus +Art & Lynda Spanier – Easter Sunday Mass**

St. Alphonsus +Loran & Francis Illerbrunn – **Easter Sunday Mass**

**Weekly Reflection for March 29, 2020:** This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$1,865.00
Plate	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,015.00</b>

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

In addition to pointing out that events took place and words were spoken in order to fulfill the scriptures, Matthew includes episodes in his account of Jesus' passion and death which are not found in the other Gospels. An example of this is the continuation of the story of Judas, who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. This episode, says Matthew, was to fulfill the prophet Jeremiah; actually, this story is based on one from the prophet Zechariah. The point of the story is that the thirty pieces of silver that Judas received for betraying Jesus was the lowest price a slave could be sold for.

Another interesting episode is when Pilate's wife warns her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus: she has had a dream about this man, which upset her. This is the second time in this Gospel that Gentiles show more understanding of Jesus' identity than do Jesus' fellow Jews. When Jesus was born it was the pagan magi who, by following a star, sought the location of the newborn king. Herod and his advisors, with full access to the scriptures, made no attempt to do so, though Herod tried to have Jesus killed by slaughtering all male children in the area under two year of age.

Finally, there is the apocalyptic vision described after Jesus' death when the dead leave their tombs. No other evangelist describes this happening, so some writers conclude that this is a vision of what will happen sometime in the future, perhaps at the second coming of Jesus. Matthew wants to stress that in his death, and the resurrection which will of course follow, Jesus' works for the salvation of all apply to all people – past, present and future. Taken from The Living Word

### Palm Sunday

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

**CD of the Week: Seven Last Sayings of Christ – Dr. Scott Hahn** - Spoken as he suffered the agony of the cross, the seven last sayings of Christ recorded in the gospels have been the subject of prayer and inquiry by Christians for two thousand years. In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of our Lord's words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday. **Lighthouse CDs, books and DVDs make great Easter gifts!**

**All Lenten Ecumenical Services – scheduled for 7:00 PM on Sunday's have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic**

**Camp Good Mourning** – Kids and teens grief camp June 26-28 at Park River Bible Camp – Park River ND. Altru's Hospice is hold 22<sup>nd</sup> annual grief camp for children ages six to 18 years of age who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There is a \$25.00 registration fee. To register go to [altru.org/hospice](http://altru.org/hospice) (under Grief Support). For more information, please contact Sue Mairs, camp coordinator, at 701-780-5258. See the bulletin board in the entry of the church for more information.

**NOTICE:** We are planning to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Alphonsus School next summer (2021) Fr. Phil has asked us to work on establishing a data base of all who have attended St. Alphonsus School since 1921 (not necessary to have graduated). If you have a class list or know of someone who does we would appreciate getting that information. Parents, it would be helpful if you could supply information on your children too. Any information would make our job much easier. What we need is name (maiden and married), years attended, living or deceased, address and maybe email. You can email information to us [dbbrooks@utma.com](mailto:dbbrooks@utma.com) or call us at 701-370-5266.

Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

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**Palm Sunday: Pick up your blessed palms at the church Saturday (after 3:00pm) or Sunday April 4 & 5**

**Our Parish Website is [stalphonsuslangdon.com](http://stalphonsuslangdon.com)**

Holy Week Liturgies will be live-streamed. If you are not able to watch them at the designated times, they will be on our webpage and can be watched later

**Holy Thursday**, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday**, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday**, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**Please Note: No one is permitted to attend in person for safety and health reasons as directed by the CDC and the Diocese of Fargo**

**Drive Through Confessions** (south side of Church near handicapped door) or in case of poor weather, the Adoration Chapel: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Holy Thursday, April 6-9 at 5:00-6:00 PM  
Bulletins are available at the church entrances or on our website. Our Sunday Visitor newspapers are available at the church entrances.

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### **Observing The Lord's Day at home**

Sunday has been observed as The Lord's Day since the time of the apostles. Ordinarily, we attend Mass. However, since for the time being we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly, it is necessary for us to observe The Lord's Day in our homes. To there are many ways to do this.

1. Find our Sunday Celebrations at Home program on our website (or call the parish for details)
2. Recite the rosary as a family
3. Spend thirty minutes to an hour reflecting on the scriptures of the day
4. **Watch a TV Mass - 10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8/WDAY Channel 6** Just because the world has shut down doesn't mean or faith shuts down too. We can pray to God under any circumstances.

### **How to read the bible will resume on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**CANCELLED: The Middle School Extravaganza** (Rally) is cancelled. This event for students in grades 6-8 was to happen on Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Wimbledon, ND. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this event this spring.

**The SEARCH** weekend for April 17-19, 2020 has been cancelled. Again because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this last weekend of Search for this school year. Stay tuned for next school years SEARCH weekends.

**REDEEMED Women's Conference** scheduled for March 27-28 has been canceled. Plans are currently underway to reschedule the conference for early 2021. The new dates will be communicated in the weeks to come.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. St. Alphonsus is 70% towards our goal of \$36,334.00, St. Edward's is 23% towards our goal of \$2,782.00 and St. Michael's is 25% towards our goal of \$3,033.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the entry of the church. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.