

Tri-Parish of St. Joseph, St. Matthew, St. Teresa

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The Tri-Parish Office is Closed during Covid-19.

Marcie and Darla will be working from home and checking email regularly.

April 5, 2020 - PALM SUNDAY



***“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”***

TRI-PARISH HOLY WEEK ONLINE MASSES

Live streamed on Tri-Parish website sjsmst.org
through FACEBOOK or YouTube.

Palm Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday @ 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil @ 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday @ 9:00 AM

BISHOP QUINN'S HOLY WEEK ONLINE

MASSES – Live streamed on diocesan website at
dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html.

Palm Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday @ 12:00 PM (Noon)

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil @ 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday @ 10:30 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Landon Paul Ertman was welcomed into God's family through Baptism on Sunday, March 29th at St. Teresa's in the loving presence of his immediate family. Landon is the son of Ryan and Kirsten (Larson) Ertman and the grandson of Joel and Mary Ellen Larson. *JESUS LOVES YOU, LANDON!* May you continue to grow in faith and hear God's voice. God bless you and your family.

May we all REJOICE in the hope and new life of this Sacrament!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

was celebrated with "Drive Through Confessions" in the St. Teresa parking lot on Tuesday, March 31st.

If you have questions about any of the sacraments during COVID-19, check the diocesan website at dowr.org and click the "Learn More" button in the orange menu bar at the top of the page. Then select "Frequently Asked Questions" on the left hand side. The diocese is sharing answers as they receive people's questions. You can also call Father Vogel at 507-524-4628 or email him. See top of bulletin for his email address.

ST. TERESA CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

At this time St. Teresa's is open between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for individuals to come and pray. Please use the north or south gathering space doors and follow all social distancing guidelines. Doors, hand railings and elevator buttons are disinfected each day.

SUNDAY MASS ON KEYC TV – There was a glitch last week on KEYC and the Mass televised was accidentally a rerun of the previous week's. We have been in contact with both the diocesan communications office and KEYC and this will hopefully be corrected for this Sunday, April 5 and forward. The diocese plans to continue this vital ministry of Sunday televised Masses during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for calling this to our attention so we could check on it. The Sunday Mass schedule on KEYC TV is 7:30 A.M. on KEYC Channel 12 Mankato; and 9:30 A.M. on KEYC-DT Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 Mankato.

APRIL COURIER – The April issue of the Courier will be online only. Parishioners can find this and other issues of the Courier on the diocesan website, dowr.org, by clicking the "The Courier" box on the homepage or by finding "The Courier" under the Offices menu.

OUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN NEED, IN HARM'S WAY, OR GRIEVING . . .

Illness or Medical - Margaret Ward, Jerry Etherington, LaVonne Miller, Elsie Swanson, Mary Langworthy, Sister Carmen Sonnek, Marie Kruegel

In Need – All those who have lost jobs or have job reductions due to Covid-19. All who are lonely as we struggle with social distancing and isolation. All in need of patience and kindness in the forced togetherness of being at home.

In Harm's Way – All doctors, nurses, caregivers, first responders, police & firefighters, grocery-pharmacy-custodial-mail and delivery workers, especially those from the Tri-Parish and their loved ones.

Those that are Grieving the Loss of a Loved One – Glen Samuelson and his family at the passing of his beloved wife, Bert, last week. Bert is the mother of Mike Samuelson & Jan of St. Teresa's. *Eternal rest grant unto Bert, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

READINGS, SAINTS, & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1-3,13-14; John 12:1-11
Mass Intention – Marcella Johnston, deceased

Tuesday, April 7

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17; John 13:21-38
Mass Intention – Eleanor Marti, deceased

Wednesday, April 8

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Matthew 26:14-25
Mass Intention – Gordy Galler, deceased

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Mass Intention – Karen Langworthy

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-6,
17-18; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Matthew 28:1-10

Mass Intention – People of the Tri-Parish

Sunday, April 12 – The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10
Mass Intention – Martha & Valere Pluym, deceased

LETTER FROM FATHER VOGEL

Dear Parishioners,

As we near the end of our Lenten season, I write with the realization that this Lent has become much more difficult and longer than anticipated. Currently public Masses and parish events are cancelled through May 15th when we hope and pray that conditions will allow us to once more gather together as a community of faith.

During this time, I will be celebrating Mass privately and will be holding all of you up in prayer. Mass intentions will also be offered and are listed in the bulletin each week. If you'd like a Mass intention offered for someone, please email the Tri-Parish office at sjmsmst@gmail.com. I realize that going without the Eucharist is a very painful reality and I hope that the Lord will draw us all close to His Sacred Heart even if we are unable to receive Him in the Sacrament.

All are welcome to come and pray at St. Teresa Church which is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Additionally, I am still available for the Sacrament of Penance, Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum. Please call me at 507-524-4628 or email me at frapvogel@gmail.com to arrange for any sacramental or pastoral needs.

Since there are still ongoing operating expenses, I would ask that you please continue to support the parish as you are able. You can send your envelopes to the parish office, contact the office to authorize an automatic contribution or go to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota's special webpage, catholicsmn.org/parish-donations, where you can directly donate to individual parishes.

Lastly, I encourage you to stay strong in faith and utilize the many spiritual resources on the diocesan and parish website, to help you keep holy the Sabbath and stay united with the Church in prayer. In addition to the various options for viewing Mass online or on TV, this year Bishop Quinn's private celebrations of the Holy Week Liturgies will be live-streamed to enable the faithful across the diocese to watch and spiritually join him for these solemn celebrations of our faith. Details can be found at dowr.org.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during these difficult and uncertain times. May Our Blessed Mother, Help of the Sick, intercede for us and comfort us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Vogel

OPENING THOUGHTS FOR TODAY'S MASS from Faith Catholic Content

We recall and commemorate the events of our salvation as we begin Holy Week.

As we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's steadfast love for all humanity: God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that all may be saved.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Matthew writes of Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, where some of *the very large crowd ... cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road*. Isaiah prophesies of one who will *speak to the weary a word that will rouse them*. Paul writes to the Philippians about the total self-giving of Christ and his exaltation by the Father. In the Gospel, Matthew gives his account of the last hours of Jesus, including their Passover meal, his betrayal, and his passion, death, and burial.



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TODAY'S WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading from Isaiah 50:4-7

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. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

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

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; they have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

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. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 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, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the

Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the

people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before

the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea,

named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



