

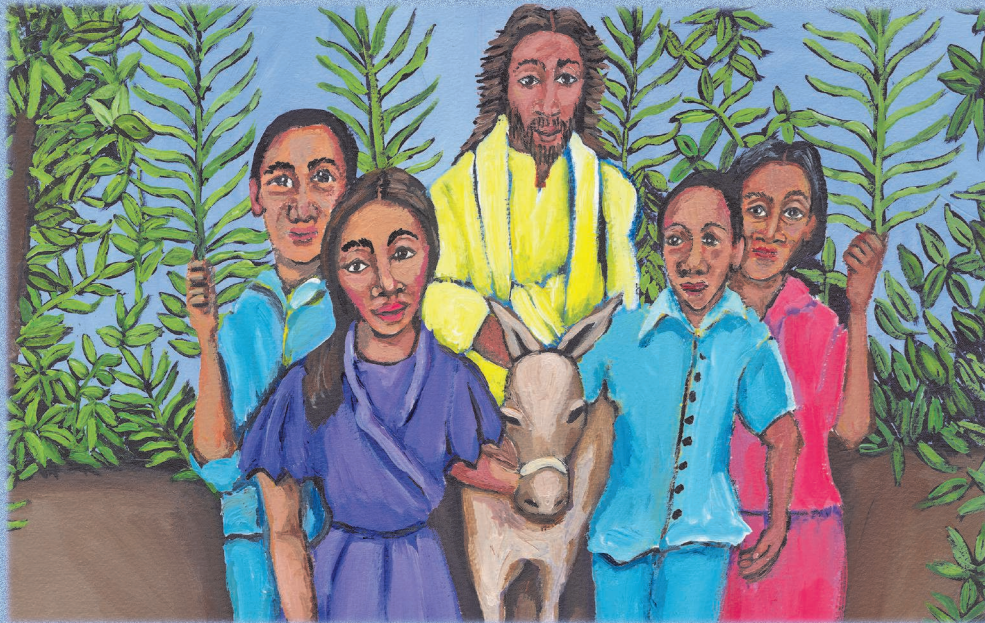
# St. Pius X Catholic Church

*"A Place to Call Home"*

#20: April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



### **Singing Hosanna**

Lord our God,  
King of the Universe,  
bless our branches and make them holy.  
You who have blessed our lives  
by your goodness in the world,  
so bless us today as we proclaim  
Christ our King.  
May we proclaim your majesty anew

and welcome you into our cities and homes  
as ruler, as prophet, and as our Messiah.  
Strengthen our hearts to be with you  
in the coming days;  
May we not abandon you, but continue to  
praise you  
with our Hosannas.  
Through Christ our Savior and Lord,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 10

7:00 am +Henry & +Mary Klug ME  
 5:30 pm Bernie Langfield DS

### Tuesday, April 11

7:00 am +Veronica Gibney MB  
 5:30 pm +Craig Cockson ME

### Wednesday, April 12

7:00 am Homan & Schmit Families ME  
 5:30 pm +Ray Gasnick MB

### Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm Pius X Parishioners MB

### Good Friday, April 14

7:00 pm *Good Friday Liturgy* ME

### Easter Vigil, April 15

8:30 pm +Francis & +Helen Frederick ME

### Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30 am Pius X Parishioners MB  
 9:30 am +Benjamin Sundermeier ME  
 11:30 am +Arlene Borer ME

## Please Pray for

### Our Deceased

+Ralph Wees, *father of Kevin Wees*  
 +Cathy Vanhauer  
 +Elizabeth (Betty) Domalakes

### Our Sick

Cindy Flogstad, Stacie Robert, Terry Tomson, Don Duros, Terry White, Becky Husted, Christine Freyermuth, Fred Dohmen

To have a name listed in the bulletin: call the rectory at 402-558-8446.

## Calendar Club Winners

April 2nd	3468	Tom Schulze
April 3rd	3103	Dottie Knight
April 4th	3040	Viola Heenan
April 5th	4321	Mia Wilson
April 6th	3553	Paul Anderson
April 7th	3025	Mary Rehorst
April 8th	3936	Rebecca Buxter

## From your Pastor's Desk

### Fr. Mike Eckley



This Sunday we have two Gospels that are proclaimed. The first is at the procession where we hear of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The second is the Passion, Jesus' victory over sin and death. They are very different. In the first the crowds welcome him as a conquering king. In the second the crowd turns against Jesus and by the prompting of the Jewish leaders call for Jesus' crucifixion.

The disciples are also depicted in different ways in both Gospels. In the first they are obedient to Jesus' request to go into the city and bring back a colt and ass. They bring them back to Jesus and prepare them for Him to ride them into Jerusalem. In the second Gospel Judas is shown to be the traitor and Peter the one who will deny even knowing Him. Also, Peter, James and John are asked by the Lord to stay awake and keep watch with Him. They are not able to stay awake even as Jesus returns three times to check on them.

How are we doing as modern day disciples of Jesus? Are we obedient to His commands or do we go our own way at times? Are we willing to keep watch with Jesus or are we too preoccupied with other things and don't have the time to be with Him.

Holy Week is the most important time on the Christian calendar. These are our High Holy Days. We are invited not only to keep watch with Jesus but to come and celebrate His saving actions in our life and the lives of all. How will we keep this Holy Week truly holy in our own life? Below is one option, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Another way is to come and celebrate the Paschal Mystery. First I invite you to the Chism Mass on Monday of this week. It will take place at the Cathedral at 11:00 am. The Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Infirm will be blessed. The Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. These oils I will bring back to the parish to be used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick over the next year.

The Easter Triduum begins and Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Come celebrate Thursday the great gift Our Lord left to the Church on the night before He died, the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Sacraments are prohibited from being celebrated. Mass is not celebrated and Anointing of the Sick can only be done in emergency and danger of death. Our focus is on the cross and we sit in the shadow of the cross and reflect on the Lord pouring out His life for our sins. He pays the price we could not pay and by doing so opens up for us the way to eternal life.

On Holy Saturday the Church gathers for the great Easter Vigil. We celebrate the new life we have in Christ through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Come to all or if you cannot be at all, come to the ones you are able. Make this Holy Week holy.

**Holy Week Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Both Fr. Mark and I will be available in the Church on Wednesday evening after the 5:30 pm mass until about 7:30 pm. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. There will be Benediction at 7:45 pm. I will also be available in the confessional on Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and Thursday evening before the Mass of the Last Supper from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Fr. Mark and I are also available if you would like to call and set an appointment for Reconciliation.

**Discussions with the Pastor:** You are invited to come and visit with an idea, concern, question, or if you would just like to talk. Feel free to come alone or with others. This week I will be available in the Multipurpose Room/Library just off the Narthex of the Church on Tuesday, April 11th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

# On the Cover

## Humbled and Exalted

*Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66.*

In the beautiful canticle from Philippians that comprises today's Second Reading, the dichotomy of humility and exaltation is highlighted. This is the tension of Palm Sunday: we welcome Christ as a king entering the grand city of Jerusalem, and then we proclaim the Passion account where our voices say, *Crucify him*. Christ Jesus, God and man, is exalted as both a human king and the Messiah, Savior of us all. We clutch our palms tightly and remind ourselves that he is indeed our king.

*Hosanna* is not just a welcome to the city. *Hosanna* is our Eucharistic proclamation in which we verbally wave our palms. Palm Sunday is the

opportunity to raise our palm branches as we process into church, as we stand in awe and horror through the Passion account, and as we sing once again "Hosanna in the highest."

Throughout the world, whatever branches are in season are gathered and waved today: olive branches, palm branches, pussy willows, flowering bushes. Palm Sunday begins our last few days of Lent. As we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum, today is our prelude to the glory that is Death-Resurrection. Palm and Passion weave a tension that highlights Christ Jesus, who humbled himself in obedience to the Father, to death on the Cross, and who, because of his Death is greatly exalted.

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## Refugee Family Update

The Refugee Family Care Team thanks all parishioners for your sponsorship of the family who arrived in November.

We now have two transportation teams, one for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and another group for medical appointments.

On April 21-23, the family will be moving from a 2 bedroom apartment into a small 3 bedroom rental home just a few blocks from St. Pius X.

The parents attend ESL classes and

the boys enjoy playing soccer with SPSSL.

We are asking for special prayers for the family on May 5th, and after, as the father will be having surgery. After his recovery he will be looking for employment. Leads for employment are most welcome. Parishioners who wish to assist the family in any way please contact Sharen Rotolo, 402-850-6258 or [srotolo@unomaha.edu](mailto:srotolo@unomaha.edu) or Rosie Volkmer, 402-551-6394 or [rosivolk@cox.net](mailto:rosivolk@cox.net)

## Events this Week

### Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

9:30am Sunday Preschool (KB)  
11:30am Youth Mass  
12:30pm Youth Group (PC)

### Monday, April 10

9:15am Tai Chi (P4)  
6:30pm Coping With Life Alone (PC)  
7:00pm RCIA (C)

### Tuesday, April 11

7:30am Development Mtg. (P2/P3)  
6:00pm Finance Council (P2/P3)  
6:30pm AA (Sch. Cafeteria)  
7:00pm Alleluia Choir (C)  
7:30pm Pastoral Council (P2/P3)

### Wednesday, April 12

6:00am Men's Bible Study (MPR)  
9:15am Tai Chi (P4)  
11:00am Mass at Skyline  
4:00pm Human Needs (P3)  
6:00pm Adoration (C)

### Thursday, April 13—Holy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass (C)

### Friday, April 14—Good Friday

5:00pm Shadow Stations (Gym)  
7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy (C)

### Saturday, April 15

Dusting Disciples Crew #7 - Bianchi  
8:30pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 16—EASTER

Mass at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Chuck & Lindsay Blankman  
*Andrew, Madelynn, Emma*

Bill & Mindy Kimble  
*Brennan, Beckett, Brooklynn*

**Eucharistic Adoration** will begin this Wednesday, April 12th after the 5:30 pm Mass, and will continue until Exposition at 7:45 pm. We especially need people to cover the 7:00 pm Adoration hour along with Exposition. Fr. Mike and Fr. Mark will hear confessions from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. Give yourself the gift a confession, quiet, and prayer in order to prepare whole heartedly for the Easter Triduum.

**Mystery Trip:** On Friday, May 12, Fr. Mike and some of the staff will again be hosting a Mystery Trip for those 55 and over. The cost is \$50. Pick up a flyer from the kiosk for more information and a registration form. Deadline is April 21.

**Walk the Road to Emmaus!** Join fellow parishioners on our spring walking program, "The Road to Emmaus," sponsored by the Health Ministry committee! Sign up at a table in the narthex after Mass for the 6-week walk that begins on April 23rd. Weekly incentive prizes will be awarded. Questions? Call Margaret at 402-553-7547 or email [tom-margaret@cox.net](mailto:tom-margaret@cox.net)

**Women of Faith Building Bridges:** St. Pius X Women's Spring Brunch, Saturday, April 29th. Mass in church at 9:00 am, brunch catered by Farmhouse at 10:00 am in the Parish Center. Come be inspired by a panel of women who will share their experience with Omaha's Tri-Faith Initiative Project. Purchase tickets April 22-23 after Masses (\$12/person) Or by Wednesday, April 26th at the rectory.



## St. Pius X/St. Leo School

### Joyce Gubbels, Principal

We are pleased to announce the names of the 7th grade students who have made Honor Roll for the third quarter of this school year. The same conditions for placement on the honor roll apply to the 7th graders as we stated for the 8th graders last week. Looking at 7th grade we had 71% make the Honor Roll for the third quarter. This included 44% being placed on the First Honor Roll and 27% receiving Second Honors. The students are:

**First Honors for 7th Grade:** Abbie Bluvas, Anthony Bope, Michael Bope, Isabelle Borer, Kyra Britt, Evelyn Brown, John Burns, Jackson Dasher, Melany Davis, Jack Drew, Lucy Drexel, Fiona Gautschi, Elleiana Green, Emma Hennessey, Drew Jensen, Sam Kastl,

Grace Larson, Alice Long, Elizabeth Monzu, Parker Mooney, Ethan Morrow, Ethan Noon, Julia Nubel, Shantise Pearson, Meaghan Raabe, Grace Ridgley, Josephine Romano, Megan Rozmajzl, Gigi Salerno, Chase Sharrar, Danielle Stolze, Joshua Townley-Thomas, Sanaa Traurig, Wyatt Walters, Abby Wessling, Will Wharton and Carly Worthy.

**Second Honors for 7th Grade:** Adam Brown, Dylan Coontz-Usher, Jacob Dasher, Kendra Fix, Jasmine Franklin, Molly Gallegos, Vince Grenier, Wistrom Herfordt, Cameron James, Dean Johnson, Marissa Kelly, Janaizsa Lawson, Ben Macias, Max Mangan, Garang Mathiang, Kameron Mayo, Simon Metcalf, Faisal Mohammed,

Andrew Sauer, Ethan Streeter, Erik Taylor Jr, Andrew Washington and Ethan Weber.

From the list of honor roll students you can see we have many students who are studying very hard and keeping their behavior in check! We also know that there are many other 7th graders who are working hard and behaving as they should, but just didn't make the honor roll. We also salute these students. Our thanks to these students for their hard work and to their parents for the wonderful support they provide to their children. It takes the students, their parents and the teachers working together to succeed with such outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations to all!



## Youth Ministry

### Janet Drvol, Director

**St. Pius X Church Youth Group** is a gathering for all 9-12th Grade Students. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:30. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn about our faith, and have fun, too. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Janet Drvol at [janetd@stpiuxomaha.org](mailto:janetd@stpiuxomaha.org) or 402-558-8446.

**Youth Group today/Sunday** Join St. Pius Youth Group today/Sunday to experience the Passion of Jesus in a different way. We continue looking at how our faith can stick with "Lament and Lose." Lunch starts at 12:30.

**Youth Choir This Sunday:** Youth Choir sings at the 11:30 Mass this Sunday. Please join us at 10:30 to rehearse.

**Senior Graduation Dinner:** St. Pius wants to celebrate with you! All high school Seniors and their families are invited on May 7 to the 11:30 pm Mass

followed by a catered celebration dinner. No cost; gift from the parish included. Invitations were mailed this week! RSVP by May 1 to Janet at [janetd@stpiuxomaha.org](mailto:janetd@stpiuxomaha.org)

**NCYC—National Catholic Youth Conference:** 20,000 teens from around the country meet to celebrate as young Catholics at NCYC. The conferences engages all with dynamic presentations, uplifting prayer, service opportunities, and community like you've never experienced before.

**Who:** All current 8-11th grade students

**When:** November 15-19

**Where:** Indianapolis, IN at Lucas Oil Stadium

**Cost:** \$100 \*Scholarships available

**To Register:** Forms and payment due by May 15. Registration information is online.

**Worlds of Fun:** St. Pius will join other parishes for our annual trip to Worlds of Fun on June 1st. All current 7

-12th grade students are invited. Cost is \$80 if forms are turned in by April 23. Forms can be found on the youth webpage . Contact Janet for more information.

**Summer Service Opportunities:**  
**Winnebago Service Trip:** St. Pius' annual Service Trip to Winnebago and Walt Hill, NE is July 9-13. We will join several other parishes. Forms are online and due by April 30 (note deadline on the form is wrong). Scholarships are available. Contact Janet for more information.

**Youth Serve Junior High Service Experience:** Junior High Students are invited to experience service in an interactive and energizing way. These camps are offered 3 sessions this summer, and fill fast! Registration information online. Forms due by April 15.





# Religious Formation Ministry

Colleen Ciciulla, Director

## Were You There?

The Shadow Stations of the Cross offer a simple and powerful experience of the passion of our Lord. In our world of sensory overload, constant noise and rapid graphics, this passion experience consists of dark shadows cast on a white screen. The images are powerful because they are so stark.

Producing the Shadow Stations is an honor reserved to the disciples in Levels 7 and 8 of Religious Education

who take it very seriously. Please join us at the FREE public performance in the gym at 5:00 pm on Good Friday. Bring your friends, family and neighbors and make it a tradition.



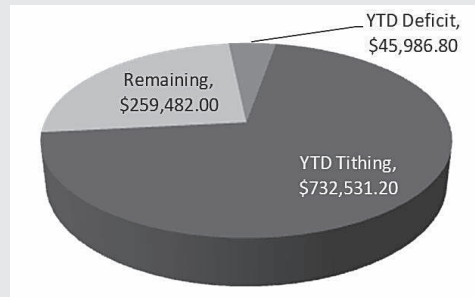
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<b>Our Sunday goal is</b>	<b>\$19,962.00</b>
Sunday Envelopes	\$16,848.50
Children's Collection	\$46.50
Plate Collection	\$801.01
<b>Total Sunday Contribution</b>	<b>\$17,696.01</b>
<b>This week's deficit</b>	<b>(\$2,265.99)</b>

<b>YTD Parish Stewardship</b>	<b>\$732,531.20</b>
<b>Budgeted YTD Stewardship</b>	<b>\$778,518.00</b>
<b>Parish Deficit YTD</b>	<b>(\$45,986.80)</b>

### This is week 39 of 52 weeks this fiscal year 2016-17.



Our Weekly Average YTD is **\$18,782.85**

Thanks for your help!

### Development Dialogue

Don't give away your hard earned estate through unnecessary taxes and other administration costs by not having your estate plans in order. While visiting with your attorney and/or other personal advisors make sure your estate plans are in order. This will insure that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes and not the state of Nebraska. Please prayerfully consider remembering our School and/or Parish's Endowment Funds in your will or estate planning. Contact Bob Nowaczyk, SPSL's Development Coordinator at 402-551-6667 for more information.

**Women's Spring Brunch**  
Sponsored by St. Pius X Women's Organization

Saturday, April 29  
St. Pius X  
Mass at 9:00am (in church)  
Brunch at 10:00am (in parish center)  
Catered by Farm House Cafe  
Cost: \$12

**Panel from Tri-Faith Initiative**  
Rev. Chris Alexander (Countryside Community Church)  
Sally Kaplan (Temple Israel)  
Nuzhat Mahmood (American Muslim Institute)

Tickets on sale following masses on April 8-9 & April 22-23  
Available at the parish office until Wednesday, April 26th

**Theology Matters:**  
*Conversations about Climate Change: or How to Love God and the World at the Same Time*

Dr. John O'Keefe, Professor of Theology, Creighton University

Wednesday, April 19  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
St. Pius X Parish Center  
6905 Blondo Street

Join in a conversation about questions like these:

- What does the Church teach about climate change?
- What are our moral obligations regarding care for our common home?
- What current cultural forces resist this message and why?

**EARTH DAY**

**PARISH CLEAN UP**

Raking, trimming, sweeping, etc.

**Saturday, April 22**  
8:00 am-2:00 pm  
Lunch Provided  
Contact Dave Ludwig 402-616-0060

## Flowers for the Easter Season

Donations for Easter flowers, to be used on Easter and throughout the Easter season, are welcome! Just drop off at the parish office or the liturgy office. Donations MAY be memorials, or simply a donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ministry Schedule for April 13 - 16

	7:00 PM Thursday	7:00 PM Friday	8:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
Deacon	M. Leick J. Nardini	M. Leick J. Nardini	M. Leick J. Nardini			
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**Office Hours:** Weekdays 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30 am - noon

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Eckley

**Associate:** Rev. Mark Bridgman

**Deacons:** Mike Leick, Jim Nardini (Cindy), & Gene Schimonitz (Carol)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays 5:30 pm & Sundays 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

**Daily Masses:** 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Marriage Preparation:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

**New Parent Baptismal** Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish

**Class:** Center. This class is required for baptism. *Pre-registration is required 1 week in advance. Call 402-558-1898.*

**RCIA:** For those interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office, 402-558-8446.

**School:** 402-551-6667

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**Liturgy Office:** 402-558-1847

**Youth Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Pastoral Ministry:** 402-558-8446

**Prayer Line:** 402-558-8446

**Bulletin Deadline:** One week in advance.

**Bulletin e-mail:** [bulletin@stpiusomaha.org](mailto:bulletin@stpiusomaha.org)

### YOUR HELP NEEDED!

**Please join us on Saturday morning, April 15, at 9:00am to help set up the church for Easter.**

**Spirit 102.7-FM presents:** Laughter: The sanity of the Family with Dr. Ray Guarendi. This event is open to all parishes and the public. Join us on April 17th 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish, 6111 Morrill Avenue in Lincoln. You can purchase your \$10 ticket on [doctorryay.brownpapertickets.com](http://doctorryay.brownpapertickets.com). Bonus: You can bring a friend for free! We hope to see you and a friend on April 17th for Dr. Ray's insights on parenting.

**On Cue**, a new non-profit founded by Jennifer Cimino, invites you to an evening of food and fellowship on Sunday, April 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Brazen Head Irish Pub. On Cue strives to teach life skills to underserved students through the performing arts. Our pilot program launched this year at All Saints Catholic School. Please come learn more about the program and how you can get involved. We hope to see you there! More information about On Cue can be found at [oncueomaha.com](http://oncueomaha.com).

## School Lunch April 10 - 14

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken soft taco Corn Fruit choice	Sloppy jo on bun Pickle chips Potato rounds Fruit choice	Pepperoni pizza Lettuce salad Baby carrots Fruit choice Easter treat	No school for students No lunch served today	No school for students No lunch served today

**Crew #1 Has Cafeteria Duty this Week**



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 10

#### The Meal at Bethany

As you reflect on today's readings, you might want to take time to visualize the meal at the home of Lazarus in Bethany. Martha is serving; Lazarus is at the table; Mary is anointing Jesus' feet with perfume; Judas is protesting Mary's action; and Jesus is quieting Judas. The scene occurs just before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his Passion and Death. How are you preparing to spend time with Jesus as Holy Week begins? Will the week center on prayer? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

### Tuesday, April 11

#### Betrayal and Denial

The setting for today's Gospel takes us to another meal, a meal very unlike the one in Bethany. At this meal, Judas leaves early to betray Jesus and Peter is told that he will deny the Lord. As we move closer to Good Friday, we need to consider our faithfulness. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 14, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

### Wednesday, April 12

#### Servanthood

"It is the Lord GOD who helps me." Throughout today's First Reading, Isaiah attributes what he has and does to God. Because of what God has done, Isaiah can sustain the weary with his words and listen "as those who are taught." These are the thoughts of a servant who humbly acknowledges his place before God. Do you recognize what God is doing in your life? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 32, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

### Thursday, April 13

#### Holy Thursday

The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins this evening. As we observe the washing of feet tonight, we consider how our reception of the Eucharist calls us to service. May we not only serve but allow others to serve us. *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

### Friday, April 14

#### Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Our focus is on the Cross. We spend time in silence from noon until 3 PM, to unite ourselves to Christ's suffering. At the service in the parish, we hear the Passion of the Lord proclaimed and we adore the cross. Today is not business as usual, for we commemorate Christ's Death. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

### Saturday, April 15

#### Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil, we hear the story of salvation history, the account of how God has remained faithful to us. To prepare for the night, spend time in prayerful reflection with at least one of the readings. Consider how the reading tells of how God keeps the covenant with his people. Sit quietly as you prayerfully respond. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24-35; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28:1-10.*





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