Our Parish GOMMUNITY

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (A) Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

Noble, Yet Humble

Palm (or Passion) Sunday prepares us to leave behind Jesus' public ministry and to enter into his suffering and death. From miracles, crowds, and praise we move to pain, silence, and humility. Only the strong and true lovers of Jesus will make it to the foot of the cross.

This small panel painting is dedicated to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus sits nobly in the center. The prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 makes up the background: "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus embraces the path

of the Messiah that God had mapped out through the prophets. He comes as a king, yet in peace and obedience. Jesus wins with meekness and love.

Returning to the painting, we see little children laying down their coats before Jesus. These simple souls recognize his divine humility and honor him with their gestures while the crowd acclaims his kingship. The reign of Jesus incites praise, fidelity, and allegiance. They wave olive branches and throw them on the ground before him.

Counting the followers in the painting, eleven process with golden halos around their heads. These symbols of holiness highlight the fact that to love Jesus is to follow him to the end. One follower, however, is surrounded in shadow. Unlike the others, he looks away. His heart is set on another plan.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



For Reflection How do I respond to Jesus' invitation to join him in his passion? How do my actions indicate where my heart really is? Would I be shrouded in shadow or surrounded by Jesus' glory?

"They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road" (Matthew 21:7-8).







Holy Trinity - Cherry

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St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) -Sunday Mass -

4:00 PM 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish 106 Church St. Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass -

10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday)

5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

**First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat) Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of April 10, 2017

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

No Mass † No Mass

Tuesday Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 7:00pm

† For The Sick

Friday Service

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 3:00pm

*** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 15-16, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 7:45 PM

† For The Parishioners Intentions

Sunday:

St. Patrick, Arlington - 9:00 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 10:30 AM

† Evelyn Smoode

**Because Of The Easter Vigil There Will Be No Last Chance Mass

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 7:45PM - Tina Dominy &? **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday - 7:45PM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 7:45PM - Tanner Dominy

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 9:00AM - Linda Beattie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER Sunday - 9:00AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 9:00AM -

Thomas Schroeder &:?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

LECTOR

Sunday 10:30AM - Joelle Crockett EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday 10:30AM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -Need Decorations Removed

April 12 - Rosary Against Evil - 6PM -St. Thomas More Divine Mercy Chapel-Confessions Following

April 13 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper- Holy Trinity - 7PM

April 14 - Good Friday - Stations - St. Patrick - Noon

Good Friday Service - Holy Trinity-3PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -\$1710.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

\$685.00 St. Patrick -

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1148.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Holy Trinity Easter Cookie Sale

Like Christmas, Easter is one of the great times for family gatherings. So in order to make them more joyful, the Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Society is making cookies from cut-outs and frosted for anyone interested for \$7 a dozen. The pickup dates for them are April 14th and 15th. Please drop an order form from back of church into collection basket or drop by the office.

Divine Mercy Novena

With all of the different prophecies speaking of calamities in our lives, for the week starting with Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday, we have a great opportunity to seek reparation for some of our sins. From Good Friday through the next Friday, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers at 6PM. It will conclude after the Masses on Divine Mercy weekend after the 5:30PM Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Please join us.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning and keep us safe! on Wednesday nights at 6PM begins at St. Thomas More and then will be rotated monthly between the other two churches. It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

Upcoming Area Events

April 9 - St. Joseph's Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - 7:30AM - 12:30PM -St. Joseph Hall

For The Week

As we embark on the holiest week of the church calendar, remembering Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Easter Sunday, and remembering Christ's Resurrection, is what most people look forward to the most. But on Holy Thursday, we also remember the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the beginning of the Real Presence of Jesus' Precious Body and Blood given to help us into eternal life. Then Good Friday is only good because our sins were taken away when we confess them because of Jesus' death on the cross. And the Easter Vigil, when the light of Christ begins to shine again in our lives and those coming into the Church, and we welcome Jesus back among us. Please join us as we remember these most important days in the history of the world!

May God always bless us

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

April 10

Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

April 11

Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 12

Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

April 13

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

In 13:1-15

April 14

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

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

In 18:1-19:42

April 15

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

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

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

April 16

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Dear Padre,

Why don't Catholics study and prepare for the end times or rapture?

uite simply, we don't prepare for the rapture because as Catholics we don't believe in the rapture.

We do believe that there is a time when the world will end, but we have no idea when that day will come. Fundamentalist Christians believe that the world will end with a rapture where the good will be taken and the evil left. It is based on a misreading of Revelation 20 that speaks of an angel in the pit who will ravage the earth for 1,000 years. This is called amillennialism, and

the Church has condemned this belief (CCC 676). The whole "left behind" series comes from this misreading.

Rather than being afraid of the end of the world, the Catholic Church teaches that the best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is by living the sacramental life of the Church: being baptized, celebrating the



Eucharist and reconciliation consistently, being married or professing holy orders in the Church, and partaking in the anointing of the sick.

By doing these things we are participating in the fullness of the Church and life with Christ. This is the best way to prepare for Christ's return. While we as Catholics do believe there will be a day when we will be gathered to Christ, we look forward to this day with anticipation and joy, not fear and anguish.

> Patrick Keyes, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter [to] the world. He understands human sufferings, and he has bent down to heal body and soul."

-Homily, St. Peter's Square, March 24, 2013

