

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A) Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Who Is this Man?

e is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

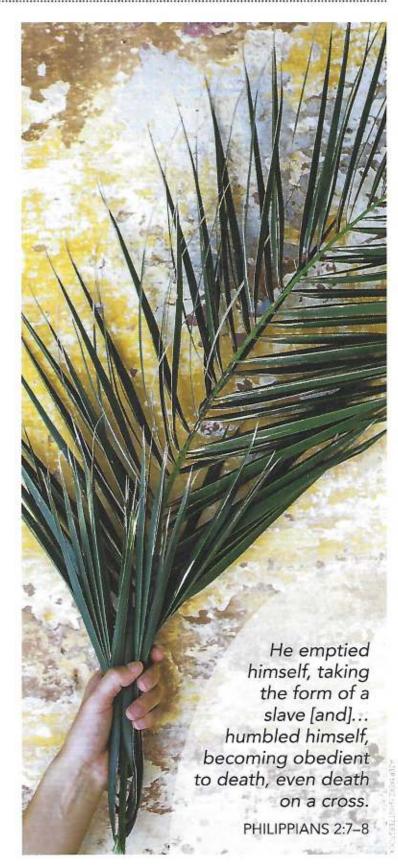
He fits well the Isaian image—a man with "a well-trained tongue" who knows "how to answer the weary" (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- What does Jesus' self-emptying tell us about God?
- * How would your world change if you chose to serve others rather than control them?





Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and Thursday - 8:30am Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

*Pastor of the Three Churches

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Upcoming Events At Church

All Events On Hold

Emergency Phone
For All Three Churches
815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

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Dalzell, IL 61320
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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM Saturday & Sunday -8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

Upcoming Events At Church
All Events On Hold

St. Patrick Church (Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St. Arlington, IL 61312 Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant

Julie Hollinger Email: JulieHTC@outlook.com

Office Hours

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri. - 9AM-12PM St. Thomas More -Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of April 6, 2020

www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm
**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00AM

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† No Mass

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† Bernard Schwamberger

Offered For

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:00PM

† Doris Schwamberger

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 12:00PM (Stations - Abp. Fulton Sheen Stations)

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 3:00PM (Good Friday Service)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 11-12, 2020

Offered For

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 7:45PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass

Sunday:

Easter Vigil:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM † No Mass † No Mass

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -\$1255.00

St. Patrick -\$360.00

St. Thomas More -\$548.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm Saturday 3pm - 6pm Sunday 9am - 2pm **Temporarily Closed **

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM -?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -? 807

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website) (Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Suspended 3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary ThatWeek)

Special Thank You

I just want to thank everyone churches so far when Mass can only be attended on the web. I know it is very different when you can't be in church with the Real Presence of Christ for the celebration of Holy Mass. Hopefully and prayerfully, this way of celebrating Mass won't last past the end of April.

The online giving has more than quadrupled since it has been started and it has helped greatly to pay the bills. The online giving system allows our parishioners to register to be able to offer recurring giving or one-time giving. online giving uses the highest security encryption possible on the internet for all giving to be secure. Giving can either be done by credit card or through your bank account. And thank you very much for your generosity!

The page to setup the giving allows for more than one gift. There is a drop down box to scroll down to give per your preference which is in alphabetical order. There is even a selection for Mass Intentions. If a gift is for a Mass intention, please just let us know who it is for so we can get the Mass setup.

Web Mass

Some of you probably noticed there was a time when the Web Mass wasn't operating. We had only ten viewers a week which is why I let the service expire. This was also aided by the computer, used to send the Mass to the internet, which had died. So thanks to a gift from a parishioner a new computer was purchased to help us in allowing Mass into our homes during this stay at home period. This last weekend there were almost 300 connections to watch our Mass. Thanks again!

Confessions

With the social distancing for what has been given to our requirement today, we are not allowed to offer confessions in the confessional. However, we can do them in a drive-up way. I am attempting confessions in this manner this Saturday the 4th but rain was in forecast and may cancel them.

> In addition to this time for confessions, I will do them on Wednesday, (Monday and Tuesday is showing thunderstorms), at the following places:

> St. Thomas More Parking Lot (enter between the trees on Lucy Street) and I will be parked by bell. The time Noon until at least 12:45pm or finished.

> St. Patrick (enter on dirt road north side of Bishop Franz Hall) and go behind hall and I will be parked behind chapel off of the road. The time for these are 4:30pm until 5:15pm or finished.

Holv Week

I truly hope this is the last time we celebrate Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection at home instead of in church. Jesus grew up knowing He had 33 years to live in this world before He would die on the cross and return to His Father. Jesus has told us this age will be concluded around 2030. And many of our lives will have concluded by that time due to war, plagues or natural disasters. So we need to look to the example of Christ and remember we have to live as good examples of God's goodness working in our lives.

Many of the messages from Heaven say the coronavirus is just the beginning, we have seen earthquakes all over the world and even in Idaho. So we need to pray for God's assistance to live as we need to for us to be forever in His Presence! May God always be with all of you and give you His blessings! Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.



Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble

king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy...somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.

-PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 6 Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

APRIL 7 Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

APRIL 8

Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

APRIL 9 Holy Thursday Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15

Friday

APRIL 10 Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

APRIL 11

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 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
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mt 28:1–10

Sunday

APRIL 12 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

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