



"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them", says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

MONDAY Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
TUESDAY Ez 47:1-9; Jn 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
THURSDAY Is 7:10-14,8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
SATURDAY Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
SUNDAY Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

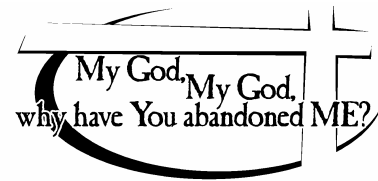


HOLY WEEK

April

- 4 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
- 5 Reconciliation St. Anthony's (Danbury) 7p.m.**
- 6 Tuesday of Holy Week**
Mass 8:30a.m. No 5:30p.m. Mass No Confessions
- 7 Wednesday of Holy Week -- Mass 8:30a.m.**
- 8 Mass of the Lord's Supper – Holy Thursday**
7:00p.m.
- 9 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
Veneration of the Cross 3:p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:00p.m.
- 10 Holy Saturday**
Blessing of Easter Food - 11:00a.m.
Easter Vigil - 7:30p.m.
(NO Confessions; NO Mass at 5:30p.m.)
- 11 Easter Sunday**
Masses:
8:00a.m.
9:30 a.m. (In the Hall and in the church)
11:00a.m. (In the Hall and in the church)
- 12 Monday in the Octave of Easter - No Mass**
- 13 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**
Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 5:30pm
- 14 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**
Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 8:30am
- 15 Thursday in the Octave of Easter**
Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 5:30pm
- 16 Friday in the Octave of Easter**
Mass 8:30a.m.
- 17 Saturday in the Octave of Easter**
Mass 5:30p.m.
- 18 Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter**

The Diocese is now taking applications for the next Diaconal Class. There will be an informational meeting May 25. If you are a man between the ages of 31-60 and are interested, call Fr. Leo.



APRIL 6 THROUGH APRIL 11

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Vito Latkovich
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Joe Dale Psencik
THURSDAY	7:00P.M.	✠A.J. Richter
FRIDAY	NO MASS	
SATURDAY	7:30P.M.	✠Jack Cranley
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Lucille Fourrier
	9:30A.M.	✠Viola Sipple
Hall	9:30A.M.	✠Albert & Rosa Romano/ ✠J.V. & Lena Mandola
Church	9:30A.M.	✠Jeanine Gerkin
	11:00A.M.	✠Mary Latino
Hall	11:00A.M.	
Church	11:00A.M.	

Please note Mass Schedules for Holy Week and Easter Week – above and left.



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Jennifer Cary, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditzes, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark

Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, **Vickie Kaatz**, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, **Sarah Marcotte**, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran. Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Joe Reyes, Jr., Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

On Holy Thursday there will be a basket in the Narthex (back of the church) to receive your Lenten offerings.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dionisio Gonzalez, father of Dennis, Joe, Javier Gonzalez and Ruby Padilla, grandfather of Dustin, Chase, Joe, Jeremy, Janelle, Marco Gonzalez and Chris and Jerry Padilla.

Divine Mercy: The Novena to Divine Mercy begins Good Friday, April 9th and ends Saturday, April 17th Hour of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 18th, 3:00PM - 4:00PM In St. Michael's Church. Call Art Vandaveer (297-4107) for Information

Women's Club will meet Tuesday, April 6, 8:30am Mass in church, meeting at 9am Guest Speaker presenting Retirement & Estate Planning. Evening Group Tuesday April 6, 6:30pm at Chili's (Dutch Treat) Guest Speaker Sherwyn Moor with Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice.

YOUTH MINISTRY

April Calendar

4 Class 6:30pm

Tm Teacher/Peer Leader Mtg 5:00pm

11 Easter – NO Class

18 Class 6:30pm

25 LAST CLASS – Praise/Worship w/ "The Rock" from TX A&M

Politics...should be about an old idea with new power—the common good. The central question should not be, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" It should be, "How can 'we'—all of us, especially the weak and vulnerable—be better off in the years ahead? How can we protect and promote human life and dignity? How can we pursue greater justice and peace?"

--USCCB Administrative Committee

Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to
Political Responsibility, p.2

Easter Triduum

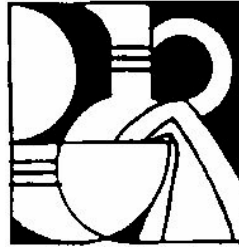
Lent has been a preparation not just for Easter Sunday, but for the Triduum, which means "Three Days".

We celebrate the Triduum, the Three Days, of the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord, from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening. These feasts are at the heart of the Christian experience. It is the great story, embracing our individual stories, that draws us out to where we can never return. It is the journey of awe during which we ritually enact what we dare not ponder. These awesome rituals take us through the mystery of death into the silent testimony of an empty tomb and the invitation to belief. Through the yearly pilgrimage of these liturgies we discover once more who we are and Whose we are. We learn the meaning of life, professed once in Baptism, inaugurated anew in Easter mysteries. We discover ourselves to be the earthly body of the Lord broken again so that others might live. We journey through cross and tomb to the promised life beyond every expectation or understanding.

This is the heart of the Christian faith and heartbeat of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

The Triduum consists of one liturgy, spread over three days. Note that there is no dismissal on Holy Thursday, no greeting or dismissal on Good Friday, and no greeting at the Easter Vigil. These celebrations, taken as a group, are the high point of the Church's liturgical year. To celebrate Easter in its fullness, we should celebrate all three days of the Triduum.

We invite all to join with us in celebrating the ultimate triumph of Christ over sin and death.



Washing Feet

by Paul Turner

"No shirt, no shoes, no service."

Restaurants often display this sign to show who's not welcome at their table.

A sign at the Last Supper could have read, "No shirt, no shoes = service." It would have shown who was welcome at the table.

One of the most striking scenes at the Last Supper happens when Jesus pulls off his tunic, has the disciples remove their sandals, and begins a service like none other washing feet. The episode, which occurs only in John's Gospel, comes where we expect to find Jesus' most famous line from the Last Supper. "This is my body. This is my blood." Instead of pointing at the bread and wine, he gives an example of service. We begin to see that Eucharist involves more than food and drink it involves commitment, community, faith and selflessness. Other New Testament writers tell us Jesus said, "Do this" in reference to the celebration of the Eucharist. John's Jesus says it in reference to the service of washing feet.

For this reason, the liturgy of Holy Thursday invites us to imitate literally the example of Jesus. The presider may wash the feet of 12 members of the community. In this act, the local church witnesses the selfless service of Christ and sees an example of faith in action. If we are believers, if we share in the bread and the cup, then we also share in service.

Sometimes we hear the complaint that the washing of the feet is too old-fashioned, that it doesn't fit our modern culture. Sometimes we search for a more meaningful adaptation washing hands, or shining shoes! But it's hard to beat the shocking humility of the original gesture. It didn't fit Jesus' culture very well either. Peter objected to the whole idea. The service to which Jesus calls us also doesn't fit the culture. Businesses may call it service, but they charge us even if it's self-service. The service of the Gospel is freely given.

Holy Thursday invites us to the table not as guests who dine and run, but as hosts who eat and serve. The meal isn't over till the cleanup.

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