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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE (suspended)

Please see our website for other options
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MASS INTENTIONS April 6—11

MON 6	6:00	+ Herman Weinewuth
	11:30	+ Rosalia O'Brien + June Bessette
TUES 7	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	SI William and Ann Thelen SI Pat and Anita Moran
WED 8	6:00	+ John Snsalone
	11:30	+ Kyle Plush (2nd Annv.) + Johanna Hermann and Henry Sievers + Soldiven Abao Otero
THUR 9	HOLY THURSDAY	
FRI 10	GOOD FRIDAY	
SAT 11	HOLY SATURDAY	

Mass Readings for the coming week

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Weekday Readings

Mon Is 42:1-7 Psalm 27 John 12:1-11
Tues Is 49:1-6 Ps 71 John 13:21-38
Wed Is 50:4-9a Ps 69 Matt 26:14-25

For Triduum Readings, see USCCB site
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



Daily Mass Intentions

On this page, you can see the names of those souls for whom each daily Mass is offered. The little cross + indicates that the person has died, and the Mass is offered for the salvation of their souls. The letters SI indicates a "special intention" of prayers for that living person. These Masses continue to be celebrated in a private setting each day by our Jesuit priests. We encourage you to keep these names in your own personal prayer intentions. AMDG

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Imagine Yourself With Jesus

In his classic "Spiritual Exercises," Ignatius Loyola encourages us to try **Imaginative Prayer**. David Fleming, SJ says, *"Imaginative prayer makes the Jesus of the Gospels our Jesus. It helps us develop a unique and personal relationship with him. We watch Jesus' face. We listen to the way he speaks. We notice how people respond to him. These imaginative details bring us to know Jesus as more than a name or a historical figure in a book. He is a living person. We come to know him ourselves."*

I think the Passion narratives offer opportunities to "enter the scene" on the path to Jesus' crucifixion. For me, I like to follow Peter in the story. I love our very human St. Peter. He was one of Jesus' closest friends. He was the one Jesus chose to lead His Church.

In my imagination, as I read, I picture Peter following Jesus at a distance as he is taken to Caiaphas' to face the Sanhedrin. Peter sits by the fire outside. He is so worried about his friend. He wants to help Him, but he feels helpless inside, and scared, and nervous.

In your own prayer, imagine how you would feel if your closest friend were dragged off to jail to face charges you knew were bogus. If you were not familiar with how the "system" works but had a terrible feeling that this was not going to end well. In prayer, you imagine a stranger walking up to you accusing you of being a companion to this arrested Jesus as you sit in the courtyard awaiting His fate. Your heart would start to pound, and your survival instinct would kick in. "I do not know what you are talking about!" You'd turn away and try to blend in with the crowd.

In your prayer, you are approached by someone else who asks you if you know this Jesus. And again, fear makes you blurt out "I do not know the man!" You are so afraid for Jesus; He is your dearest friend, your brother. Your worries for him are battling your fears of what might happen to you. When the third person recognizes you by your accent, your fear outweighs your concern. "I do not know the man!" you shout.

And then the cock crows. And you run away from Jesus. You turn your back on the person you promised to love and defend. You are so ashamed. You cry bitter tears. If only you could have been stronger or been a better friend. Then you close your prayer time.

Responding to Jesus is the business of our lives. To follow him we must know Him, and we get to know Him through our imagination. Imaginative Ignatian prayer teaches us about Jesus, and our response to Jesus, that we would not otherwise learn through scripture study or theological research. Contemplation brings Jesus into our hearts.

As we travel this Lenten journey to the Cross with Jesus, take some quiet time to be with Him on the way. Wipe His brow, help carry the cross, stand at His feet with His Mother at the end. Let your feelings and your imagination guide you closer to Him.

— Kathy England, Pastoral Associate

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Marty Yee, Special Intention, David Schwartz, Edward Merkes, Lora Lee, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Joan Ludwig, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Gerry Walsh, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklo, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Bill and Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, and Gregg.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for March 29 \$7,061.00

THANK YOU to all those who remembered to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. See our website for information about online giving.

ST VINCENT de PAUL needs YOU!

The St. Xavier/Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets every Saturday at 9am in the basement of the Cathedral. We are in great need of **a few strong arms** to help. An hour or so of your time would be great! Leave your number at the church office if you can help. We will contact you.

2020 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 can request a certificate from the Archbishop. Please call Diane at the office. For couples celebrating 50 years, there will be a **GOLDEN Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Sun August 1 at 4:30.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF**

You can donate to the Archdiocesan Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Lift up these young children in your prayer as they prepare themselves for First Communion and Confirmation soon. Susan Stewart-Pirone, Margaret Mayers, Grace Sychay, Alexander Siller and Braxton Rhinehart for First Communion and Brennan Bucher for Confirmation. We are grateful to John Kollar, Emily Conklin, Mary Fetick and Clare Krumme for preparing them. May the grace of our loving God envelop these young people as they receive these sacraments.

FOOD FOR ALL

Have you been looking for a special project to reach out to those in need? Nutritious and affordable food is not readily available to every person in Cincinnati. So Catholic Charities travels to where hunger is located. For more, contact April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or

ahoak@ccswoh.org or at www.ccswoh.org

HOLY HUMOR

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Trappist were marooned on a desert island. They found a magic lamp, and after some discussion decided to rub it. Lo and behold, a genie appeared and offered them three wishes. They decided it was only fair that they could each have one wish. The Jesuit said he wanted to teach at the world's most famous university, and poof, he was gone! The Dominican wished to preach in the world's largest church, and poof, he was gone! Then the Trappist said, "Gee, I already got my wish!"

Fr. SOSSY PHOTOS

SEE PHOTOS on our website of Fr. Sossy's new church in Kenya, as well as pictures of his Jesuit community there. www.stxchurch.org/photos

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Holy Senses in Holy Week

One of the tools suggested by Ignatius Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises* is the "Application of the Senses." In prayer, one selects a Gospel reading and applies the five senses to the scene. That is, first you read the passage, then reading it again, you imagine experiencing that scene using your sight, smell, touch, hearing, and taste. And you savor that encounter. Senses provide one of the primary ways your soul connects with God.

This coming week is called HOLY WEEK because we use our WHOLE sensibility, our five HOLY senses to unite with Jesus wholly. If you desire to try your hardest to follow Jesus this week, wouldn't you want to use every means available to you? ALL your powers of sight, smell, taste, hearing, and touch?

From our readings of the Passion, look how many ways has God desired to connect through the senses:

- Those following Jesus kept crying out: "Hosanna!
 - The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue.
 - Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear;
 - I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
 - at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 - a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil
 - One bystander drew his sword and cut off his ear.
 - Peter was seated, warming himself at the fire.
 - They kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him.
 - They clothed him in purple
 - He soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink
 - At noon darkness came over the whole land
- You could sit with any of these passages for 15 minutes literally feeling yourself immersed into the scene. Your senses were given to you to enrich the soul. Don't take them for granted? Use them to raise awareness of God's love for you, and your love for him.

As you hunker down in your home this week, or in your daily routine, you might involve all your senses in this Holy Week:

- You might turn off music to appreciate the solemnity of the week
- If you have dessert, and didn't give it up for Lent, take more time to enjoy the taste, give thanks to God.
- If you enjoy a hot shower, recall that 783 million people do not have access to safe water. Feel it.
- Music. Find an inspiring song on You Tube and send the link to 10 people.
- Eyesight, take more time to gaze at the stars and imagine how long it took for the light to reach you. God's love is even longer than that.
- Re-read the Passion narrative again, but this time using your sense imagination to draw closer to Jesus. Desire to see, hear, taste, touch and feel what he did.

In that way we apply our holy senses for a Holy Week.

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