



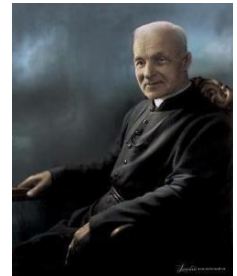
Saint of the Week: **St. Andre Bessette**

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Patron Saint of the Week: St. Andre Bessette

The Canadian saint may be one of the greatest healers the Church has ever seen.

It didn't take long for St. André Bessette to become known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal." He was a simple lay brother, not wanting much attention, but graced by God with a deep and abiding faith. Similar to Bl. Solanus Casey, Bessette was a porter, the "door man," for the seminary and daily went about his business with little fanfare. He spent long hours on his knees and constructed a small chapel in honor of St. Joseph, where he spent much of his free time.



Crowds began to form and they started to ask Brother André for his personal prayers. Miracles continued to occur and they labeled him a "Miracle Man." Bessette only laughed at the name and said, "It is St. Joseph who does these things, I am like you, simply a suppliant." While he never became a priest, Brother André sat with people, heard their many sufferings and prayed with them. Afterwards many were healed of their ailments, either physical or spiritual. According to some estimates, over 10,000 people were cured (with some estimates reaching as many as 125,000).

Perhaps what is most beautiful about Saint André's story is his incredible humility. The simple man sought his ministry not for himself, but for his love for Saint Joseph. It was by the path of his inspiring veneration of Jesus' father on earth that Christ chose to raise Andre to the altars. As a result, Brother Andre encourages us to this day to "Ite ad Joseph" – Go to Joseph.

Saint Brother André, We ask to be made a part of God's work, alongside you, in the spirit of prayer, compassion and humility. Saint André Bessette, pray for us.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

2nd Grade Tour of Church

April 17 - Journey to Jerusalem April 21 - Easter!!!!

April 24 - Confirmation Interviews

PSR First Communion Practice and Prayer Service will be held Saturday April 13 at 9:30 AM at church.

(The children will be tasting the unconsecrated host and wine at that time. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend

- Banner assembly kits have been sent home with the children.** All banners must be completed and returned by Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in order to be displayed in the church. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Our celebration of First Communion is Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm and Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 pm.**





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Palm Sunday - Passion Sunday

April 14



Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading

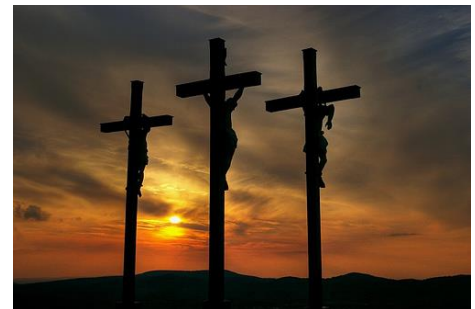
Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14—23:56 (shorter form: *Luke 23:1-49*)

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.



Catechist Notes April 10, 2019

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April Virtue **DIGILENCE**

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April 17 will be The Holy Week/Triduum Family Event **“Journey to Jerusalem”**: Teachers of each grade level will present a center explaining or experiencing that day. The children will progress through the centers accompanied by older grade buddies and /or parents. There are resources in the office. We will be again asking parents to escort children. 7th and 1st will go as buddies. 8th grades will be disciples to help lead along the journey. There are resources in the office...let me know what you need. We will supply most of the other items needed. Sign up for which center you would like to host!

Center	Activity	Grade A	Grade B	Location	Items Needed
Palm Sunday	Jesus and disciples will process through school, aid classes	8A 8C	8B		Leftover palms, costumes
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet	wash feet or sign cross	3A 3C	3B,4B	Outside gym lobby /cafeteria	Bowl and Pitcher of water, towels, chairs
Holy Thursday Last Supper	Institution of Eucharist	2	2	Cafeteria	Bread & grapes, candles, chalice, paten/ciborium, grape juice/sm. Cups on trays, matzah in baskets.
Prayer in Garden	Bracelet and prayer	1A1C	1B	Hallway connection	Bracelets, picture, reflection
Good Friday	Stations,	4C	5B	Concession/Gym	stations, music.
Good Friday	Veneration of cross	7A 7C	7B	Gym	Large Cross, red fabric, crown of thorns,
Easter Vigil Easter	explanation of symbols, empty tomb	6A 6C	6B	Lobby,	Oils, Paschal candle, Holy water, folded burial cloth, candles, grocery bags



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