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Greetings! I hope you are all surviving the crazy Winter that we have had. Spring is just around the corner and so is Lent. During the season of Lent, we pray for the grace (through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving) to open our eyes to God's merciful presence in our lives and in our world. May your Lent lead you to a deeper relationship with your God, and may your eyes be opened to his presence in yourselves and those around you, and may we be compassionate and merciful to each other as God our Father is merciful.

TO ALL MINISTERS

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 6; Liturgies will be as follows: 6:30 am, Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Blessed Ashes (no Communion); 8:30 am Mass with the school children (all are invited, includes distribution of Blessed Ashes); 6:00 pm Mass includes distribution of Blessed Ashes. If your name is not on the schedule and you will be at one of these liturgies and wish to assist in any way, please let me know!!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10th this year. If you are scheduled for the early morning liturgy on March 10th, don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour

PALM SUNDAY: Palm Sunday is April 14th. Please plan on arriving at least 15 minutes early that day to familiarize yourself with any changes. Palms will be blessed that day, and a small procession of the faithful will occur at all Masses. Feel free to join the procession!

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE: Enclosed is a separate page with everything you need to know (I hope) about the Triduum liturgies. If something looks awry, let me know ASAP.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Normal schedule 8 am & 10 am.

SCHEDULING REQUESTS: Please have your scheduling requests for May and June to Cindy Bremeier by the 15th of April. I know you may not be sure of your vacation schedules by then but let me know whatever you do know. ~ The next schedule will also include: Mother's Day weekend, graduations, Memorial Day weekend and Father's Day weekend and the beginning of summer vacations. If you have special scheduling preferences/requests for any of these dates, or know you will be unavailable, please let me know. If you find yourself scheduled when you can't make it, please try to find a sub!

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES

GREETERS / USHERS

Palm Sunday is April 14th. Please arrive early if you are scheduled for any of the Palm Sunday Masses so you can help pass out palms as people arrive. There will be a procession at the beginning of Mass. Greeters / Ushers will ask a handful of parishioners to participate in the procession. There will be instructions in the sacristy to hand out.

I suspect we will have a full house at all Masses on Easter Sunday morning. Your ministry of helping visitors and guests feel at home at St. Greg's is essential to our parish's vision of hospitality.

The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning are the high points of our liturgical year. Because of the once-a-year nature of these rituals, your assistance is very necessary. I am concerned about not having enough people who will assist. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the usher's room the week before Holy Week; please sign up for what you can help with.

LECTORS

Even though we have one person preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, please note on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, we will be using the readings for **Cycle C**, NOT Cycle A.

When you are doing the first and second reading, please pause at the end of the last sentence for a few seconds, and then say the Word of the Lord. Do not add the word "this". Read it as it is written, "The Word of the Lord".

When reading the intercessions, please do not try to put the Gospel Book under the ambo. That space is for the green lectionary only! Both books will not fit there. The Book of Gospels remains open at the ambo, unless the priest or deacon have closed it! You should not close it! You can just lift the cover of the Gospel Book in order to get the copy of the intercessions out, and then put the intercessions back under the Book of Gospels on top of the ambo when you are finished reading them. (Thank you!)

Reading for Easter Sunday: You will notice there are two choices for the second reading on Easter Sunday. We will be using Colossians 3: 1-4

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Many Masses recently have had Communion stations taken away, due to lack of Eucharistic Ministers present. Each time you serve, as you finish at your assigned station, please look around to be sure all people in the assembly have received Communion. Go help as needed. If you are not needed, then, please take your Vessel (cup) to sacristy, (bread paten) to tabernacle.

I thank each one of you for the service you give to St Gregory the Great Parish during Mass. May God bless each one of you and reward you for your goodness!

Cindy Bremer