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Weekend Magazine

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March 26, 2023 ▪ The Fifth Sunday of Lent

This is what pleases Jesus best, according to St. Faustina

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

Praying with passion: Approaching Christ's Passion, but with great hope and great peace.



Those who do not pray to Jesus in his Passion," wrote the poet priest Gerard Manley Hopkins, "pray to God, but scarcely to Christ." We pray with passion when we meditate on the Lord's Passion.

How crucial to keep the cross at the center of our prayer. St. Leo the Great assures us that "through the cross the faithful receive strength from weakness, glory from dishonor, life from death." In her *Diary*, St. Faustina relates:

Jesus told me that I please him best by meditating on his sorrowful Passion,

and by such meditation much light falls upon my soul. He who wants to learn true humility should reflect upon the Passion of Jesus. When I meditate upon the Passion of Jesus, I get a clear understanding of many things I could not comprehend before.

We can approach Christ's Passion in prayer with hope and great peace. In the words of Joseph Ratzinger, "What looks down at us from the cross is a goodness that enables a new beginning in the midst of life's horror." And St. John Paul II adds, "The cross is like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's earthly existence."

One practical way to meditate on the Lord's Passion is to pray before a crucifix, for "the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced" (CCC 1432). *The Imitation of Christ* tells us, "If you do not know how to meditate on heavenly things, direct your thoughts to Christ's Passion and willingly behold his sacred wounds." Also, of course, is prayerfully meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

St. Gregory of Nazianzen gives this counsel: "Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself." We do well in this since "it is only as a cross-bearer that one belongs to Christ" (A. Sertillanges).

Dominican Fr. Simon Tugwell encourages us:

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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Confessions will be held
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It is the cross and only the cross that provides a constant point of reference in the chaos of our world, because *there* is all our poverty and helplessness and pain, all our yearning and all our mutual injustice, taken up into the stillness of God's everlasting love and made into the instrument and revelation of his unchanging will.

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Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church Holy Week & Easter Liturgical Calendar 2023

April 1 & 2 Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

April 3, 4, 5 Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.

April 4, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11am (Note time change)

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (Also available at dosp.org).

Celebrant: Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, and the Priests, Deacons of the Diocese

April 6, Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (No Mass at 8:00 a.m.)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Altar of Repose for prayer and meditation.

Concluding with Night Prayer. Church closes at 9:30 p.m.

April 7, Good Friday: Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Begins

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (No Mass at 8:00 a.m.)

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion (Singing on Good Friday is Acapella)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Begins (Singing on Good Friday is Acapella)

April 8, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

(There is no 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Morning-Decorating for Easter (*Church will be closed till 6pm*)

6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet (Time Change this day only)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

April 9, Easter Sunday Masses

(There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass This Year)

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

April 10-15 Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Continues after Easter

7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday-Saturday April 15

April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Schedule

Masses: 8:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Special Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday),
11:30 a.m.



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: uscbb.org.



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Matrimony

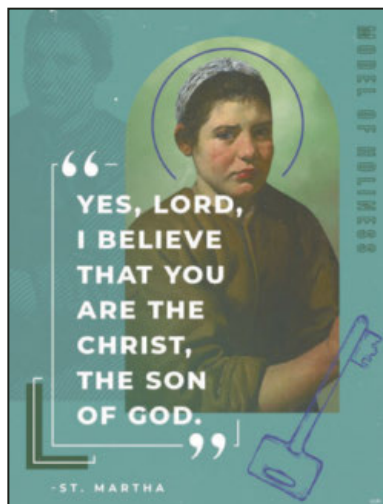
Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25, Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Mary McCartney (Dec)

Sunday, March 26, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Bernie Bast (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Aurelia Vargas Romero (Dec)

Monday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Lucilyn Clark (Dec)

Tuesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Patrick McKenna (Dec)

Wednesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Kim McInerny (Dec)

Friday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ndubuisi Mbano (Dec)

Saturday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jim O'Reilly (Dec)

Saturday, April 1, Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 p.m. Virginia DiBenedetto (Dec)

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 a.m. Ray Glumbot (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Steven Clancey (Dec)

Apostles' Creed

At Mass today we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

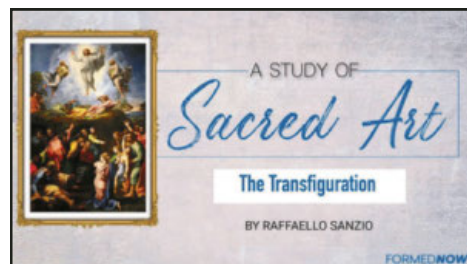
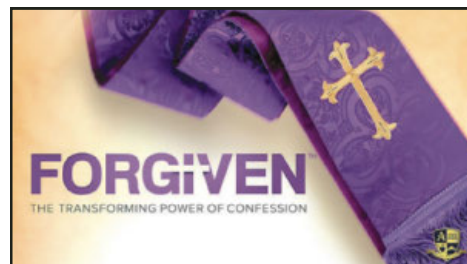
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1. Use the Easter Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Sunday, April 2.** The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

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CRS Rice Bowls



Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. You can pick one up in the vestibule at the back of the church. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but

rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

Catholic Relief Services
CRS Rice Bowl
PO Box 5200
Harlan, IA 51593-0700

You may also donate online at www.crsricebowl.org

5th Annual Hispanic Men's Conference "THE EUCHARIST IN YOUR LIFE"

Presented by the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Suncoast Catholic Ministries. The event (in Spanish) will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 7:30am to 3:00pm, in the Social Hall of Nativity Catholic Church, 705 E. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL. Guest Speakers are **Fr. Pedro Núñez**, EWTN radio and television host, and **Fr. Rafael Capó**, National Eucharistic Preacher and Dean of Theology at St. Thomas University in Miami.

Cost is \$35 per individual ticket, and \$20 per ticket for father and son attending together. Cost at the door, if tickets still available, is \$40. To buy tickets and for more information, visit:

<http://suncoastcatholicministries.com/espanol>

Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross

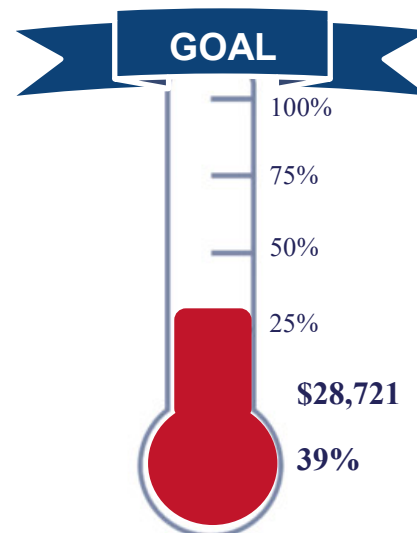
St. Matthew Episcopal Church will be hosting their long-time tradition of Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross. There will be a short service in the church at 12:00pm which will be followed by the stations out on the property. After the Dismissal of the Crowd you may leave or return into the church for the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.

The church is located at 738 Pinellas Point Drive South, St. Petersburg, 33705. For more information call St. Matthew Episcopal Church at 727-866-2187.



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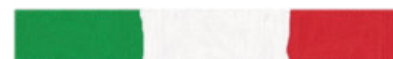


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Our Lady's Chapel,
Cathedral of St. Jude
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

March 26 at 4:00pm

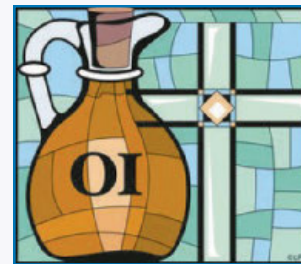
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Celebrant:

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Comeau, Teresa
Curtis, Sherlyl
Daniels, Joshua
DeZarn, Vickie
D'Azzo, Lina
Feldes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Fitzgerald, Dan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kindel, Helen
Kirchgessner, Marie
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew

LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Maharne, Cecile
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Parmigiani, George
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Riley, Marie
Roberts, Deacon Lionel
Romani, Angelo
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Stankiewicz, Cy
Tarnowski, Lawrence
Thompson, Susan E.
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Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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