

From the Desk of Sister Regina, Pastoral Leader

Holy Week. We know much about Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. But what about Holy Saturday? Holy Saturday is a day of grief and mourning, of patient waiting and hoping. With Mary and the disciples, we grieve the death of the most important member of our Christian community. The faith of Mary and the disciples was strongly challenged on that first Holy Saturday as they awaited the resurrection.

When the full impact of the death of friends and loved ones fully hits us, it has the potential to stun, dull, and crush the human heart. It can immobilize us from action and thought. If we are people without faith and hope, the experience of confusion, grief and loss has the potential to kill us.

Today we reflect on that period of confusion and silence, between the sadness of the cross and the joy of Easter. From the bewilderment of Jesus' disciples to the great faith of Mary, we examine our own lives in light of the great "Sabbath of Time" and draw courage from Mary's example to face the future with deep hope, patience, love and interior peace.

On Holy Saturday, many of us are far too busy with Easter preparations to reflect on the significance of this day. We do not take the necessary time to grieve, ponder and enter into the mind and heart of Mary and the disciples on that first Holy Saturday.

Holy Saturday is suspended between two worlds: that of the darkness and death of Good Friday, and that of the Resurrection and restoration of the Light of Christ on Easter Sunday. Holy Saturday is essentially a day of solemn vigil, prayer and meditation. It focuses on the grave, but Christ's tomb is not a place of corruption, decay or defeat. He is life-giving and a source of power and victory. Joy and sadness are intermingled.

On the first Holy Saturday, the disciples did not know the end of the story as we do. Their Sabbath was a day of confusion, desolation, failure, fear and loss. But even though we know the events of Easter Sunday, we too can experience these things in our own lives. And when we do, we must strive to make this place that is Holy Saturday a place of waiting and a place of hope.

The tomb is cold, dark, and lonely. It smells of death. It is not a comfortable place to be. But it is where the Christian community is called to be. To wait here, in the dark, until the light of the Easter vigil is kindled again. And yet, even in this place of death, the seed of life has been planted. We are in the "between time." Between life and death. Between sadness and joy. Between night and day. Between what has been and what will be. The events have been set in motion. All is in process. All is unknown.

We watch. We wait. We long. When the stone is rolled away, we will emerge into the light of Easter. Then let us step carefully out of this time of waiting. Let us carry with us the yearnings that we have experienced here in the tomb. Let us be a people who remain in the between time, willing to live with the tension of what has been and what will be. Let us be a Christian community that embraces the heart of nonviolence and risks bringing forth the Reign of God for all people.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 9

Monday, April 10, Monday of Holy Week
No Liturgical Services

Tuesday, April 11, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:15am † Dora Aona
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15-17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week
No Liturgical Services

Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday

7:00pm † For the People of the Parish
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 14, Friday of the Passion of the Lord
12:30pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday

8:30pm † For the People of the Parish
Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13,
20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2,
3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,
13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15,
32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4; or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11;
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday

9:00am † For the People of the Parish
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 8:30pm Jennifer Meyer, Volunteer
Sunday 9:00am Susan Pumphrey, Harold Darr

Lectors

Saturday 8:30pm Diana Cheek, Gene Cook
Sunday 9:00am Mary Jo Vincent

Ushers

Saturday 8:30pm Ken Cheek, Larry Meyer
Sunday 9:00am Ron House, Larry Miller

Servers

Saturday 8:30pm Joe Zamora, Deb Kuns
Sunday 9:00am Mackenzie and Kristin Baker

Choir

Saturday 8:30pm St. Mary Folk Group
Sunday 9:00am St. Mary Choir

Money Counters for April 16
Jennifer House and Mary Kay Oakleaf

Sacrificial Giving

Needed per week..... \$3,700.00
Sunday, April 2, 2017
Adult \$3,572.00

Year-To-Date..... <\$6,566.29>
<Under Budget>

**Week at a Glance
Monday, April 10**

Boy Scouts	7:00pm	Gym
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Tuesday, April 11

Mass	8:15am	Church
Bingo	6:00pm	Hall

Wednesday, April 12

Confession	6:30-7:30pm	Church
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Thursday, April 13

Mass	7:00pm	Church
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Friday, April 14

Good Friday Service	12:30pm	Church
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Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil	8:30pm	Church
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Sunday, April 16

Mass	9:00am	Church
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BINGO APRIL 11

Workers: Marian Beier, Sandy Smith, Queta Davis, Gail Rini, Sue Lemmon, Becky Rohrbach

Bakers: Karen McBroom, Grace Leichty, Annette Raths, Eileen Hay, Kay Dick

Kitchen: Peg Kaufman, Sharon Meyer, Jean Taylor, Laurene Golembiowski

PRAYER LIST

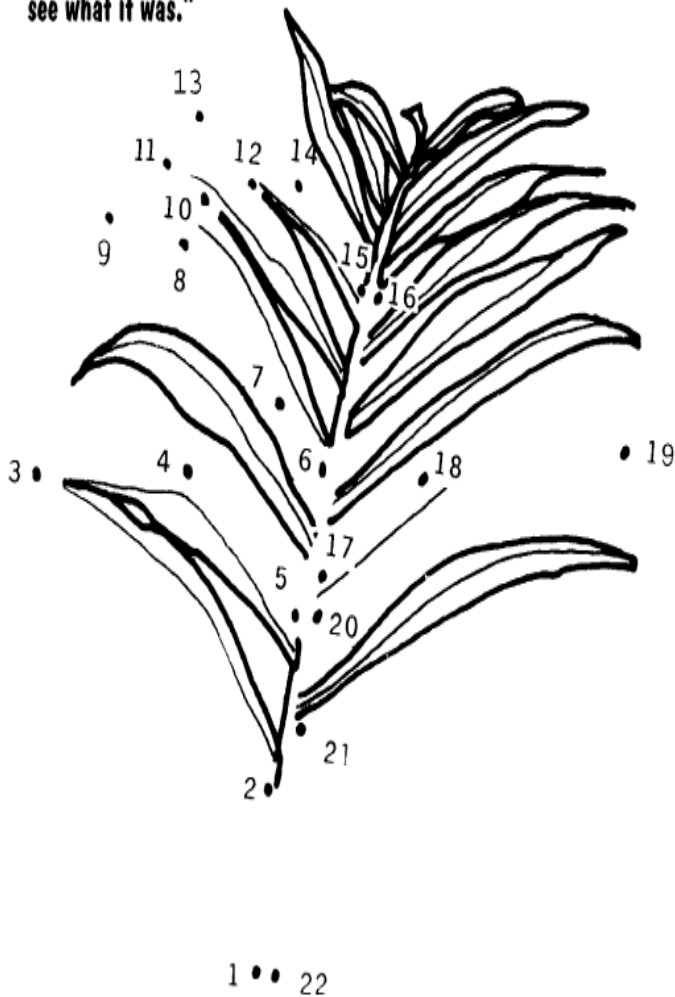
Martina Rodriguez, Charlene Robinson, Betty Eshleman, Jeff Hill, Ruth Nobles, Eric Furniss, Charlie Meyer, Virginia Gabel, Mary Cox, Mark Pumphrey, Beverly Dalton, Margaret Ross, Chuck Ruffing, Barb Conley

These names will be updated once a month. If someone wishes to be on the prayer list they or their caretaker must personally contact the parish office.

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Kid's Corner

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I love parades! It's fun to have a flag or a banner to wave. When they had a parade for Jesus, they waved something else. Connect the dots below to see what it was."



Matching Game. Match these words taken from today's Gospel story to the list on the right side which mean almost the same thing.

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| JERUSALEM | PEOPLE |
| CROWD | CLOTHES |
| KINGS | BANNERS |
| CLOAKS | CITY |
| PALMS | RESPECT |
| FLAGS | LEADERS |
| HONOR | BRANCHES |

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

